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# Shephard calls in 'fixer'

## Huge inquiry into university crisis

John Carvel Education Editor

have turned in desperacational troubleshooter who saved them from catastrophe a way out of a deepening crisis in the universities which is threatening to destroy Britain's international reputation for academic excellence.

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

retary, will appoint him this week to conduct the most fundamental review of the pur-pose, size and funding of Brit-ish higher education since the Robbins report triggered a huge rise in student num-bers more than 30 years ago. In spite of the strains of cancer treatment, he has ac-

cepted the challenge of finding a way to resolve conflicts and produced disarray among the vice-chancellors over how to maintain expansion without escalating costs or destroying quality.

Sir Ron, chairman of the cation and Employment Sec- School Curriculum and Asthe burdensome curriculum introduced by the former edu-He was then brought in to tackle another "impossible"

Government problem — how to reform qualifications for 16 to 19-year-olds to boost respect for vocational courses without devaluing A levels. His report is due before Eas-ter, when he is expected to move immediately on to the crisis on the campuses.

Mrs Shephard is under attack from vice-chancellors who are threatening to impose a £300 levy on freshers registering next year unless the Government acts to reverse spending cuts which would reduce public funding for tuition by a third since 1989.

the burden on taxpayers. They want students to repay a larger share of the cost of a university education through a supplementary rate of

national insurance. The plan was supported in a pamphlet from the Conser-vative Political Centre earlier this month and will form the centrepiece of a radical revi-sion of Liberal Democrat policy, due to be announced tomorrow by Don Foster, the

party's education spokesman. Mrs Shephard's consulta-tion paper on student funding ready for publication, possibly today — may include repayments through national insurance as an option, but ministers are refusing to en-dorse the scheme before the

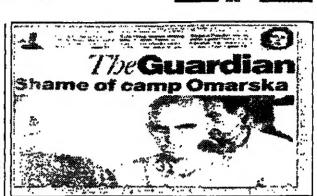
sessment Authority, brought peace to the classroom in 1994 on a clear response to the when the teachers agreed to lift their boycott of tests in return for a streamlining of education without increasing a degree course, halting the expansion in student numbers, and increasing use of distance learning techniques to move away from the traditional (expensive) pattern of

college and campus life. Sir Ron's investigation will allow Mrs Shephard to avoid expressing a government view on any of these points. The terms of reference were understood to be causing anxiety until late last week at the Treasury, where officials warned that ministers should

not repeat the mistake of the Scott inquiry by setting up an open-ended review without knowing its likely outcome. It is expected, however, that Sir Ron will be given the widest possible brief, including analysis of the purpose of uni-

Sir Ron, a former chairman of the Post Office, is regarded by leading vice-chancellors as probably the only figure who could command respect in both Whitehall and the uniresponsible for allocating funds to the former polytechnics and from 1991 he per formed a similar service fo

the older universities. On Friday Mrs Shephard asked the vice-chancellors to join an official study of the effects of cuts in the November budget which they say would reduce public funding for tuition from £5,953 per stu-1998/9 at current prices.



The Guardian 'splash' that broke the Omarska story in 1992

## **Doctors** ran death camps

to those behind the horrors inflicted on Bosnian Muslims

■HE Serbian concentration camp at Omarska. exposed by the Guard-ian in summer 1992, where thousands of prisoners were murdered and turtured, was set up and managed by doctors it now emerges, following an incognito return visit to the site last week.

The revelation that senior medical doctors directly supervised the systematic mistreatment of Muslim detainees at Omarska and other camps - in violation of Geneva conventions and the Hippocratic oath — adds a chill-ing dimension to the Bosnian

Human rights organisa-tions like Amnesty International and Physicians for Human Rights have documented how the expertise of enable torturers to stretch the limits of human pain, both a child in a concentration physical and psychological.

The Guardian has discovstill practising medicine.

They held the posts of president and vice-president of the Prijedor administrative region, where civilian authorities and police operated the camps at Omarska, Troopolie and Keraterm. Hundreds, if not thousands, of men were stabbed, slashed kicked or shot to death at the

Ed Vulliamy speaks | camps while living in Dr Milan Kovacevic, the former vice-president of Prije-

ior, by profession an anaesthetist, was responsible for the day-to-day administration of Omarska. When the international media descended on Omarska in 1992, he justified the camp by saying that it was "a collection centre"

Columns of emaciated Muslim prisoners were seen emerging from a hangar, to be drilled across a yard into a canteen by their Serbian guards. Their skin was folded over their bones like parchment and their hollow eyes burned with fear. "I do not want to tell any lies," one emaclated figure said, "but I cannot tell the truth."

Tracked down on a return Kovacevic is today director of the Prijedor hospital. Interviewed by the Guardian, he has become the first of those associated with the Serbian repent, for what he now calls a terrible mistake unleashed

Dr Kovacevik was raised as Croatian regime between 1941 ered that the two leading po- and 1945. Fortified by a mornlitical figures running ingdrinking plum brandy, he Omarska and other camps in poured forth remorse for the Prijedor area in 1992 are what had occured at

Omarska.
"We knew very well what happened at Auschwitz and Dachau," he said. "And we knew very well bow it started and how it was done. What we did was not the same as Auschwitz or Dachau, but it turn to page 2. column 3

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# **Major plan** to protect Waldegrave

Patrick Wintour and Richard Norton-Taylor

vote of confidence next week to salvage the careers of William Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell if Labour engineers a Commons defeat on the Scott

Next Monday's debate on the arms-to-lrag report will be held on the adjournment of the House to prevent a spe-cific motion being tabled calling for the resignation of However, the Labour Chief

Whip, Donald Dewar, said yesterday Labour will break precedent and force a vote on the adjournment. The party will make it clear during the debate that a defeat should be m as a call for Sir Nicholas and Mr Waldegrave to resign. The Home Secretary. Michael Howard, said yesterday the Government was not contemplating defeat on Monday, but senior ministers are urging Mr Major in the event of defeat to table a confidence debate to protect Mr Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Sir Nicho-las, the Attorney-General.

The Government's contingency plans came as a few Tory backbenchers expressed anger at how ministers were rejecting key conclusions in the report, while the public mood for ministerial resignations was reflected in an opinion poll showing 60 per cent support for Mr Waldegrave to

go. Tory backbencher Richard Shepherd said yesterday the inevitable conclusion of the Scott Report was that Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas

should resign.
"It is absolutely unacceptable to mislead Parliament and the public — within our democratic system that is an absolute trust," he told page 8

"It is not enough to hang your defence on a couple of rather friendly phrases when the a very, very dismal picture. The disenchanted Peter Thurnham, Tory MP for Bolton North East, will meet Mr Major today to discuss his plan to quit the whip, partly over the Government's hand-ling of Scott. The Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, yesterday urged Mr Thurnham: "Don't do it." He also questioned the MP's true motives: "I think it is fair to observe the worries that he has did not arise from

the Scott Report." The Ulster Unionists will decide their position on

Wednesday. Labour and the Liberal Democrats said Mr Major's reputation for integrity has been badly damaged by his handling of the report's publi-cation. a counter-productive strategy that had limited damage in the short-term, but was rebounding as the

report's withering criticisms of the Government emerged. The shadow foreign secre-tary, Robin Cook, said: "The Government's case, its attempt to mislead both Parlia-ment and the public about the content of this report is now unravelling very badly and before the real jury, which is

public opinion, they are los-ing out heavily."

The Opposition plans to maximise the pressure before Monday. Peter Mandelson, the shadow civil service minis yesterday wrote to Sir Rich-ard claiming David Willets, the junior public services minister, abused his position when he was given an early copy of the report "to turn its publication into a squalid party political exercise"

Scott aftermath, page 5; Roy Hattersley and letters,



It's Bad . . . London's air pollution proved too much for pop star Michael Jackson's rebuilt nose yesterday as he returned from a trip to a toy shop to his London hotel. He is due to perform at the Brit awards todayphotograph; SEAN SMITH

# Tug struggles to stop stranded oil tanker breaking up

Owen Bowcott

RUDE oil was still spilling out of the ruptured hull of the deserted supertanker. Sea Empress. last night as a Chinese oceangoing tug struggled to prevent it breaking up off the coast of

delayed rescue attempts all unmanned overnight. weekend. Three towlines Laden with 130,000 tonnes snapped in high winds on Sattanker can be brought under of North Sea crude, the vessel urday night and the Sea control now depend on the The amount of oil which veys showed that shorelines

where salvage crews could only work on its slippery decks during daylight hours.

Fears that petroleum vapours escaping from the ship's hold might explode the estuary, an RAF Sea King expected in the area until at helicoptered the Russian least Thursday. "Everything reported moving towards the crew off the vessel, leaving it unmanned overnight.

Said Joe Small, leader of the Skomer and Skokholm is plant life.

Hopes that the stricken marine pollution control

was drifting bow down in exposed waters at the entrance to the Milford Haven estuary.

The emergency services gines being able to hold it in winds expected to reach gale spread along the Pembroke west, but Ministry of Agricultures and the services of the entrance of the entrance to the Milford Haven estuary. shire coast, covering beaches | ture, Fisheries and Food offi-Lighter winds are not and rocks in black slime.

Skomer and Skokholm is plant life. lands to the west. But Mr Last ni

Last night pollution scien Small insisted that aerial sur- tist Kevin Colcomb said that turn to page 2, column 7

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# Shivering Bill's chilly thrills



Martin Walker

HE FROZEN breeze that snatched at President Clinton's speech came straight from Quebec's icy north to give a wind chill factor of 40 below.

"If you vote for me, I won't solve all the problems," he yelled to the crowd in the cenyelled to the crowd in the central square in Keene, New Hampshire. "I won't give you a miracle. But I will give you movement." And suiting the action to the words, he danced up and down on the spot to

keep warm. Bareheaded and without gloves, his ears turning brickred and his hands going visi-bly blue. Bill Clinton was kept going only by the fire of his own rhetoric.

"We can't give him a woolly hat, it will look ridiculous. The cartoonists would never forget it," said one aide, hud-dled dangerously close to the press corps for warmth. "What about a Russian fur

hat?" said another, eying the Guardian's genuine Siberian headgear with envy. "Can we get him a Yeltsin hat? They

look presidential."
"A foreign-looking hat in an election year? Are you crazy? grunted a third, wrapped in scarf and woolly comforter like a refugee from a ski slope "Maybe just some gloves and

Delayed for two hours by the blizzard that closed the region's airport. Mr Clinton flew into New Hampshire to thunder on the eve of their bitterly divisive primary. 'I am grateful beyond

words for the chance you gave me in New Hampshire four years ago, when everbody who was an expert said it was over," he told the crowd of more than 10.000 people who had waited in the open air.

It was just up the road in Dover's Elks Hall in 1992, his campaign buffeted by one scandal on the Vietnam draft and another from Gennifer

First night

Derek Malcolm

the Berlin Festival, the

first of the three major

European film events of the year, is so stuffed full of

Oscar-nominated movies this

year that it can only reinforce the conclusion that the

English speaking cinema

rules, OK, and the rest are

Sensibility, with Emma

practically nowhere. The opener was Sense and

Thompson, its writer and star

given a reception only Lady Di could emulate. Richard III and

Restoration followed yester-

day, suggesting the Brits can hold their heads high in Amer

ican company at the moment. Richard III is based on Rich-

and Eyre's 1989 National

Theatre production, which

transports the hunchback

termed by its director an

king into the 1930s and virtu-

the latest film of Othello was

erotic thriller, Ian McKellen, who stars as Richard, says this version of Shakespeare could simply have the message that parents should not reject their

Be that as it may, Richard

Loncraine's film takes on the

aspect of another thriller, rat

virtually ignoring the text for

its first 15 minutes or so and,

Parker's Othello. It has Rich-

ard wanting to swap his kingdom for a horse only when his tank breaks down in battle,

wooing the woman whose hus

band he has killed in front of

ary, and delivering his winter of discontent monologue in

his dead body in the mortu-

later on, using it even more

sparingly than Oliver

tling along at a healthy pace.

The Berlin Film Festival

Richard III

Flowers, that Mr Clinton had howled into the night: "You stick with me. New Hamp-shire, and I'll be with you till the last dog dies."

It probably expired of cold,

the poor beast. (One White House staffer was now offer-ing 50 bucks, cash, for the uardian's fur hat.)

"And now I say it again, we have to stick together till the last dog dies," the president was bellowing, jets of steam is uing from his mouth.

"I stuck with you. I told you I'd cut the deficit in half, that I'd create 8 million new jobs, that I'd bring jobs to New Hampshire. And I did that."

"But I do not want you to reelect me based on what we have done. I want you to do it because the only way that you and your children and your community and your state are going to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow is if we do it together."

Even in his heavy cashmere overcoat, Mr Clinton was shiv ering pitiably as he spoke. Four years earlier, on almost as cold a new Hamsphire day, he had called it "colder than a Republican's heart". He didn't dare say that this time. He was surrounded by a new organisation, Republicans for Clinton.

Led by the former chairman of the state Republican Party, Bert Teague, a state senator, Susan McLane, and her husband Lalcolm — a former mayor of Concord, the state capital — Republicans for Clinton pointed to the splits in

their party's ranks. They led the applause that greeted almost every presidential phrase, as people took every chance to clap their frozen hands together.

Running unopposed by any serious Democrat, Mr Clinton is leaving nothing to chance. His impressive party organi-sation turned out 50,000 supporters to cast a pointless vote for him in the Iowa caucus. A full-time staff is doing the same in New Hampshire, and delivering extraordinary crowds. They are hardy enough to defy the cold, and happy to cheer themselves when he thanks them for hav

ing made him "the Comeback Kid" four years before. By now the offer for the Guardian's hat was up to \$100

Startling stuff, but such is the pace and verve of the film

Shakespeare to a good many people, apparently like the di-

theatre. The penalty is a cer-

tain shallowness, though McKellen's performance is

remarkably three-dimen-

sional. Almost for the first time on film, we see what

makes him a great stage acto

since he remains sympathetic

as he manipulates a corrupt and ailing system which is in

His final confrontation with

Maggie Smith's acid old Duchess of York does indeed sug-

gest that her loathing of him is the cause of his determination to prove himself master of the

world. But the psychological

implications are not pressed too hard, and the film remain

more of a bustling and ironic

politic parable than a study of

Nigel Hawthorne. Jim Broad-

joined by Annette Bening and Robert Downey Jr from Amer-ica. And although the result is

Its cast is international, with Kristin Scott-Thomas,

bent and Adrian Dunbar

sometimes uneven, Lon-

who had lectured a class of

film students after seeing the

film was a trifle surprised to be asked when Shakespeare

wrote the screenplay which,

though not much of an adver-

tisement for American educa-

tion, proves you can do a lot with the bard without destroy-

personal evil.

that it looks likely to bring

avoided the bard in the

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Home-fired films

winter of content

The Sea Empress, listing to starboard with its bow submerged, drifting across the entrance of the Milford Haven estuary yesterday.

Oil spill threatens bird sanctuaries

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# Hazards that defeated sea heroine

**John Ezard** poses key questions for the Sea Empress accident inquiry

IX months ago, the Sea Empress was the heroine of the ship-ping world. "In heavy weather it is is not the easiest thing to drive a 140,000-tonne tanker about like a lifeboat, wrote the shipping paper, Lloyd's List. "But this appears to be well within the apability of the Empress." The ship had rescued a yacht off Bermuda, "turning

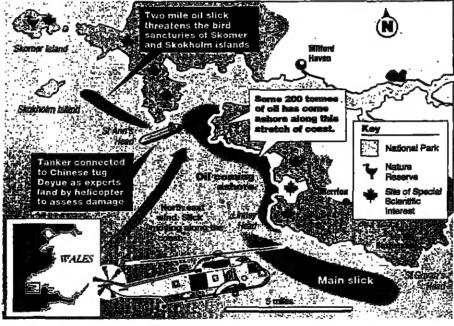
with precision in turbulent But the vessel proved less nimble in coping with the two mile-wide entrance to Milford Haven bay last Thursday.

was chosen for an oil refinery 30 years ago with supertankers in mind. But then the limit was expected to be tankers the entrance is noto-riously difficult in bad vesterly swell and powerful cross currents.

"For a seafarer in a big tanker, that entrance is narrow," Tony Lane, a leading maritime scholar at Liverpool University, said last night, Timing and your positioning of the ship are crucial."

The pilot who went aboard

the Sea Empress in heavy seas last Thursday would have had only 15 minutes to get tow ropes fastened to tugs.



he said. The tanker then had | Labour MP for Pembroketo be turned through 90 shire, that the Port Authorifaced heavy extra costs, and possibly having to wait for the next tide, if it failed to reach its berth on time.

Some reports say the ship was late and tried to make its entrance too quickly.

Mr Lane said the likelies

causes for the accident were pilot error, engine or steering problems, or crew errors in making tow ropes secure. He discounted a report last night from Nick Ainger,

ty's radar system had been out of action for months. Among key questions for the accident inquiry are: How long was the pilot on board the Sea Empress before

the ship struck?
"It's almost normal in bad weather for a pilot to board when a ship is already committed to making its approach," Mr Lane said.
"It's possible the pilot knew
the ship was in trouble as

soon as he boarded and that

there was little he could do about it." ● Did the 28-strong Russian

of many Russian seamen Last night Peter Coonsy, managing director of Aco-marit UK, the ship's owner, said early investigations had found no engine or steering

being conned by the pilot."

crew know enough English to understand commands about the manoeuvre? The English

malfunctions, "During the approach and subsequent ma-

#### Weather hampers struggle to prevent stranded oil tanker from breaking up

continued from page 1 more oil was moving towards Freshwater Bay and Angle Bay in the Milford Haven

"At the moment we are not describing it as an ecological disaster. I think that is a bit speculative," he added.

The salvage plan is still to secure the ship and eventually pump its remaining cargo of crude oil into smaller tankers brought alongside the

Sea Empress so that the vessel can be refloated and pulled A team of five salvage

experts was helicoptered on to the ship vesterday and spent the day preparing to attach new towlines. The ship's engines are understood to be in working order but Saturday night at the height

of the storm. The cause of the grounding, the second in almost exactly the same position in the last five months, remained a mys-tery yesterday. There was some speculation that the ves-

rudder to turn it into the 1,000-metre wide entrance of the estuary.
Nick Ainger, Labour MP
for Pembroke, yesterday

called for a full inquiry into the accident along the lines of that conducted by Lord Donaldson into the Braer tanker disaster in the Shetlands three years ago. "I have no criticism of the way the salvage operation has gone." he

about the approach of the shipping minister, who has said that there will be no farranging inquiry. That's totally unacceptable.

The Port Authority should send tugs out for escort-tow-ing of large ships before they enter the estuary on a regular

basis, he said. Flight-Lieutenant Simon Williams, who piloted the S King helicopter which lifted 43 people off the Sea Empress on Saturday night, said yeswinchmen were pretty hairy. The combination of oil and spray on the deck made it

extremely slippery."
Residents said there had sightseers trying to view the troubled tanker, despite police attempts to seal off the area. Because of the petro-leum vapours, police advised sel did not have sufficient mo-mentum or steerage for the difficulties to remain indoors.

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# **Dublin rules out internment**

pessimism on talks, writes David Sharrock

has ruled out the intro-duction of internment in the event of a full-scale resumption of violence by the IRA, it was learned yesterday.
As pessimism deepens in Dublin over the prospect of getting the peace process back on track, a scenario in which loyalists attack the Irish capital in retaliation for IRA actions in Britain is

craine's film looks the oppo-site of a studied adaptation being taken seriously.
But internment, which has from the stage. It's a proper piece of cinema, colourfully mounted, graced by a very remained on the Irish statute fine central performance and not unfaithful to Shake books since the 1940s, is being ruled out. speare's central concerns. A visiting American critic

While the "main players" are known to the Garda and defence forces, security chiefs fear they do not have enough

information about "sleepers who would carry on the vio-lence. Secondly, it is believed that internment would not survive in an age where political actions are subjected to media scrutiny. In Britain, the Emergency

Provisions Act, which allow for internment, is likely to complete its passage through the Commons today before go-ing to the Lords. But British security chiefs accept that in-ternment could not work if it was introduced by one jurisdiction alone. The last time it was used in

Northern Ireland was in August 1971. It was carried out on the basis of outdated intelligence and boosted sup-

underlines the absence of any planned response to the breakdown of the ceasefire. Officials believe there is a fortnight at best in which to revive the peace process, and officials from both governments are trying to secure a summit between John Major and the Irish prime minister, John Bruton, before the end

Dublin appears to believe the best hope lies in the staging "proximity talks" — in which all parties get together under one roof but not necescarlly the same room.

sarily the same room — fol-lowed by Northern Ireland elections, but only on condi-tion that they lead rapidly into all-party negotiations.
The Ulster Unionist leader

Plans to deal with full-scale violence underline | port for the Provisional IRA. | minister, Dick Spring, Discussion of internment | whether they will meet in the margins of the next Anglo Irish summit. Mr Trimble astonished some Unionists on Friday by

meeting representatives of the fringe loyalist Progressive Unionist Party, apparently leaving the door open to a similar meeting with Sinn Fein, if its military wing resumes its ceasefire.

Mr Bruton, meanwhile,

seemed to signal a difference of emphasis in his approach to restarting the peace pro-

He said on the BBC's Break fast with Frost programme: "The problem has not really got anything to do with the po-sition of the British government. The British Government The Ulster Unionist leader can facilitate an agreement, David Trimble will hear but it has to be made between today from the Irish foreign two sets of Irish people.

someone acquitted me, saying

#### Exposed: The Serb doctors who ran Bosnian camps of death

Police criticise climbers after nine rescued on Scottish hills

**Erland Clouston** 

the lavatory.

DOLICE yesterday criticised climbers after West Highland rescue teams saved nine people in four separate

night after being caught in an avalanche near the top of Ben Nevis on Saturday evening. Electronics engineer Wayne Horsefall, from Mar-low, Buckinghamshire, suf-fered serious back injuries after being hurled with four These included two men who were being treated in hospital at Fort William last mountain's north-east face.

continued from page 1 was a terrible mistake. It was planned to have a camp for people, but not a concentration camp . . . I cannot explain the loss of control. You could call it collective madness."

The Omarska site is now

protected by guards who deny there was ever a camp there. Dr Kovacevik's boss, Milomir Stakic, was president of cines" in the town, however the local government for the and explained that he had Prijedor area in 1992. He is also a medical doctor, and is now director of the Prijedor day-care health centre.

a general practioner, but that his specialisation in neuro-psychiatry had been interrupted when he took political office in the heady days during the breakup of Yugosla-via. He had also practised as a physiotherapist.

Dr Stakic only wished to talk about "the lack of medigone into politics to advance the cause of private doctors in the formerly communist Yugoslavia. He insisted ner-

plained that he had trained as | that there was even a camp | for Muslims at Omarska. Eventually Dr Stakic conceded that Muslims, whom he alleged were "caught with illegal weapons", were collected at the camp.

But while junior function-

aries, guards and the on-site commander at Omarska have been indicted by The Hague war crimes tribunal, none of the senior camp administraof the accused. Despite the possible threat

that collective madness, then I would have to admit that this was not true," he said. Dr Kovacevik invoked the only captive in The Hague to be indicted, Dusko Tadic, who has been charged with geno-

of indictment, Dr Kovacevik Though his conversation vously that "what happened was forthright in acknowledge clearly I am to be comwas monitored by a secret later I do not have anything policeman. Dr Stakic exto do with", after denying ment of Camp Omarska. "If the hospital then I am guilty."

cide and murder in Omarska. "We cannot all be the same even within the madness. It Dusto Tadic did kill people tors has made it on to the lists and I did not, then it is not the same," Dr Kovacevik said. "However, if everything is fine in this hospital then



# Best actress -Judi Dench. And the best in a musical -**Judi Dench**



NE of Britain's leading actresses, Dame first award, presented by Judi Dench, made Sir Cliff Richard, was for "I don't believe it," the 1977, June and the Paycock best actress in a musical, for her performance as Desirée Armfeldt in Stephen Sondheim's A Little Night Music at the Royal National

"I'm absolutely overwhelmed," said Dame Judi. "I am the original non-

singer."
Later she pipped Dame
Rieg at the post to first time any single per-former has scored a double, an event to leave London's drinking club manageress

lip readers in the house spotted her saying. "I think it looks like greed myself," she later told an adoring

But it was just as well, a it turned out, for it emerged later that two of Dame Judi's earlier Olivier Awards, which she used as Warehouse, bookends, had been lost in a fire at her Hampstead Alex Jennis

audiènce.

home two years ago.

Company's Macbeth in 1977, June and the Paycock in 1980, Pack of Lies in 1983, and the RNT's Antony and Cleopatra in 1987.

Among the other winners was Sam Mendes for his productions of Sondheim's Company and Tenessee Williams's The Glass Menagerie at the Donmar Named best actor was

Alex Jennings for his perhome two years ago.

Her previous awards duction of Ibsen's Peer ple of alternative awards were for her performances Gynt. Best actor in a musiwere for her performances Gynt. Best actor in a musi-



cal was Adrian Lester for the most daring hairdo to a Company, and the BBC spiky peroxide Zoe Wanaward for Best Play went to maker, who lost out in the David Hare's Skylight at the RNT. A special award for services to the theatre went to playwright Harold Pinter.

It was a glittering evening at London's Grosve nor House Hotel with stars from theatre, dance and opera among the audience. Over the glasses of cham-

best actress category to Dame Judi, and most outrageons dress to former East-Ender Anita Dobson, who turned heads with her flanenco-style ruffles.

characteristically modest writes Sarah Ryle.

BA chess trotted the globe

She divulged after the to find pasta dishes to offer the contract because, unlike proceedings that she had high-flyers. But no amount of other competitors, they developfered to bet her daughter Italian mammas with secret oped the sauces specially in-

# **Court blow** to UK on child killers

HE Government is expected to be dealt an-other blow this week by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, when the court tell the Home Secretary that delivers a ruling restricting decisions on the release of the Home Secretary's powers to lock up under-age killers

Michael Howard's power to decide release dates for young killers detained at Her Majes-ty's pleasure breaches the European Convention on Human Rights.

The judgment will force a change in the law, transferring the power to an indepen-dent body, and curbing the Home Secretary's power to decide when the killers of the toddler James Bulger are The case has been brought

by Prem Singh and Abed Hussain, both in their 30s, who were convicted of murder in their teens and ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure — the child equiva lent of a mandatory life sen-

tence for murder. In 1973, Singh, then aged 15, was convicted of murdering a 72-year-old woman who had befriended him. Hussain, then 16, was convicted in 1978 of the murder of his younger

Singh was released on licence in 1990 but his licence was revoked and he was recalled to prison the following year after being ar-rested for deception and threatening behaviour. In 1994 the Parole Board recommended his release, but Mr Howard refused to accept the recommendation.

an open prison in 1994 on the Parole Board's recommenda-tion. In both cases, the "tar-iffs" — the minimum terms. set by the Home Secretary. which a prisoner must serve for retribution and deter-

rence — had expired.

The Strasbourg court will under-age killers must be taken by an independent court-like body. A likely mod-el is the discretionary lifer for life.

The court is expected to rule that Home Secretary panel, chaired by a judge, which decides when adults sentenced to life for crimes than murder are set other than murder are set free. The Home Office was forced to set up the panels after a decision by the Stras-

bourg court in 1990. This week's judgment, confirming a unanimous decision of the European Commission of Human Rights in 1994, will affect the fate of Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, convicted of killing two-year-old James Bulger in 1993, when both were aged 11. Their tariff both were aged 11. Their tariff was set at 15 years by the Home Secretary, after the trial judge recommended eight years and the Lord Chief Justice 10.

The ruling will not affect their tariff, but will restrict the Home Secretary's power to detain them after the tariff expires. They have lodged

expires. They have lodged cases in Strasbourg and with the High Court in London, challenging the tariff.
A Home Office spokesman

said: "Our position is that a sentence of detention at Her Majesty's pleasure is in all but name the same as a mandatory life sentence for murder. The court has already held that the Home Secre-tary's role in setting the tariff and deciding release for man-datory lifers is not in breach of the Human Rights

#### BA says ciao to valley pasta

WALES, Wales, sweet are 10 years ago, and now run thy pasts sauces — or at Zest Foods from a small facany rate sweeter than in Italy. according to British Airways. which has contracted a family nenco-style ruffles.

Dame Judi remained dishes for its in light menus,

rouse from a small lac-tory in Newtown. Rina said: "We knew that passengers' taste buds are 30 per cent less effective in flight. It took us weeks of test-ing before we sot it right"

ing before we got it right." BA said the Clarkes won

#### The 1996 Laurence Olivier Awards winners

☐ Best actress: Judi Dench | Mendes for Company and The in Absolute Hell at the Royal National Theatre. ☐ Best actress in a musical:

theatre history last night when she walked away

with two prizes at the Laur-

ence Olivier Awards.
Winning is hardly a new experience for Dame Judi,

whose mantlepiece must be crowded since she has al-

ready won the title best ac-

tress four times before. But in the 20-year history of the

Judi Dench in A Little Night Music at the RNT. D Best actor: Alex Jennings for the Royal Shakespeare Company production of Peer Gynt at the Young Vic.

☐ Best actor in a musical: Adrian Lester for Company at the Donmar Warehouse □ RBC award for best play: David Hare's Skylight at the

□ Best director: Sam □ Best set designer: John

Glass Menagerie at the Donmar Warehouse and Comedy

☐ Best new comedy: Mojo by Jez Butterworth at the

for Volpone at the RNT. ☐ Best supporting performance in a musical: Shella Gish for Company. Best choreographer: Dein

The Haymarket. ☐ Best lighting designer: David Hersey for Burning

□ Best costume designer: ☐ Best supporting performance: Simon Russell Beale The World and La Grande Magia at the RNT.

Perry for Tap Dogs at the Sadler's Wells. Sadler's Wells.

Napier for Burning Blue at | Davies for the Art Of Touch at Sadler's Wells.

Anthony Ward for A Midsummer Night's Dream at the RSC's Barbican, The Way Of Opera's Siegfried and

Best new dance produc tion: Adventures In Motion Pictures' Swan Lake at Outstanding achieve-

☐ Best new opera production: The Royal Opera's Billy

□ Outstanding achieve-Gotterdammerung.

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award for best musical: Jol-son The Musical by Francis Essex and Rob Bettinson at the Victoria Palace. □ Special award: Harold Pinter for services to the theatre.

# Body is 'probably' missing girl

Sally Weale

OLICE yesterday con-tacted mountain rescue experts to help recover the naked body of a young woman, thought to be that of missing 18-year-old Louise Smith, which was found on the edge of a 100ft deep disused quarry. The body, concealed in a

"hide" of branches and trees, was examined at the scene by Home Office pathologist, Dr Hugh White. It was then expected to be removed for a post mortem. Avon and Somerset police, who have been searching for

Ms Smith since her disappearance in the early hours of Christmas Day, yesterday launched a murder inquiry, although the cause of death has yet to be disclosed. They have confirmed that

the area around Barn Hill Quarry, at Chipping Sodbury.

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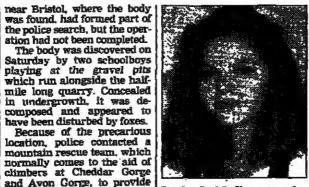
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in undergrowth, it was de-composed and appeared to have been disturbed by foxes. Because of the precarious location, police contacted a mountain rescue team, which normally comes to the aid of climbers at Cheddar Gorge and Avon Gorge, to provide

the police search, but the oper-

ropes and safety harnes help recover the body. Detective Superintenden John Newman said Ms Smith's parents, Robert, aged 49, and Gillian, aged 48, were being kept informed of dsvel-opments. "We have told them there is a probability from the features of the find that this is their daughter. Louise.

Ms Smith, a clerical assistant from Chipping Sodbury. vanished after refusing an offer of a taxi ride bome following a Christmas Eve disco at Spirals nightclub in Yate, just over a mile from the quarty.



Louise Smith disappeared after a Christmas Eve disco

Detectives have been work ing on the theory that she began the 10 minute walk nome alone. They have ques tioned more than 2,000 people including some 200 party goers at the club that night out police are still anxious to trace six men seen in the area between 1.20am and 2.50am on Christmas Day, whom they have urged to come forward so they can be elimi-

nated from the inquiry. Mr Newman said: "We are now treating this as a murder

anyone who saw anything suspicious at or near the quarry over the Christmas period to contact us.

"Somebody must know what happened to this young lady. Somebody may have come home in a distressed or upset condition, with their clothing perhaps dishevelled.
"I would ask those people if any of their loved ones came home in that sort of state to search their conscience and

Since Ms Smith's disappearance, her parents and her brother Richard, aged 20, who was also at the Christmas Eve disco, have been comforted by friends and relatives. Ms Smith's Christmas presents have remained unopened in

her room. Mr Smith, a delivery driver, last month joined 10,000 volunteers in a search of fields and common land but no trace of his daughter was found. The couple have also made a number of public appeals. His wife recently said she had not quite given up hope. "Most of the time I think she is still alive - but sometimes I don't."



The interests of women is one of the soundest arguments for retaining a second chamber consisting of people who have proved themselves elsewhere.

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ment positions, according terview. This is a man who to a BBC radio series.

to a BBC radio series.

"One of the most alarming things I found was that most black players do not most black players do not emerge and develop but

most black players do not believe they will see a black manager in the top flight in going."

their lifetime," said Hep-burn Harrison-Graham, the ballers in England is longer

white Line, which starts tonight.

than most people imagine.
The first black player was Arthur Wharton the Pres-

son at Barnsley. But then you have Luther Blissett who has applied for 22 jobs

and has not even got an in-

There have been a few ton North End goalkeeper racially abused at a match lower down the leagues, as long ago as 1886. With a in Bristol. He soon moved Keith Alexander at Lin- Grenadian father and Scotto Northampton Town

bad as they ever were

with black players

facing an apparent colour

bar in getting into manage-



Earning his Spurs . . . Walter Daniel Tull in action

'Racism' bars way to top jobs in football

Black soccer players go back more than 100 years, but few have become managers. John Duncan reports

national sprint champion and the first athlete to com-

plete 100 yards in under 10

His party-piece was to swing from the crossbars as the ball came over and

pluck the ball out of the air

The first black outfield

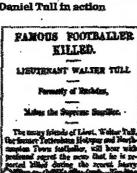
player in the English top flight was Walter Daniel

Tall, who played to rave reviews for Tottenham Hot-

spur in 1909-10 for the first

six games before being dropped after being racially abused at a match

with his feet.



Chapman, but after being decorated for heroism dur-

ing the first world war he

was killed in 1918 at the

second battle of the Somme.

Tull also had the distinc-tion of being the first black

player to sign for Glasgow Rangers, though he never got the chance to play for them before he died. Celt-ic's first black player Gil

Heron, signed from the Chi-cago Maroons in 1951, was the father of the jazz-funk

The problems faced

through the century by

black players are high-lighted by the case of Jack

guru Gil Scott Heron.



News in brief

Man dies in street brawl

A MAN died in a street light involving about 20 men and women at Rugby, Warwickshire, early yesterday. Stephen Maskell, aged 32, of Rugby, died in hospital after he was injured in a brawl in the town at about 2am. Two men are being questioned by police.

Police say Mr Maskell was involved in a violent disturbance in the town which exupted after Mr Maskell left a farewell party arranged before he was due to leave the country on a back-packing trip around the world. A post-mortern examination is packing trip around the world. A post-mortem examination is being carried out.

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Last Friday Lord Justice Phillips rejected their argument

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#### Herriot remembered

THE world's most famous veterinary surgery is to be turned into a museum and visitors' centre. The Georgian building in Thirsk, North Yorkshire, housed the practice for 50 years of Alf Wight, better known as James Herriot, author of All Creatures Great and Small, and other stories.

Hambleton district convent is understood to have noted cook

play for England in the that nowadays because Aferries the carry thirties, before the selectors found out he was black and withdraw the coming more into world football they will play for them. I think that is one of Smail, and other stories.

Hambleton district council is understood to have paid 2225,000 for the building in Kirkgate, which already attracts thousands of visitors a year. Mr Wight died last year leaving more than 25 million. His senior partner, Donald Sinclair (Siegfried in the books) died a few months later. The council bought the building documentary.
"What they've said to me
is that yes, they were proud
to represent England but
that it wasn't the fact that

#### Injury payments threatened

INDUSTRIAL injury sufferers could lose thousands of pounds in compensation because of a clause in last year's Budget, a report has warned. An amendment to regulations governing Depart-ment of Social Security allowances comes into force on March 5, limiting back-dating of the lump sum allowance which compen-sates people whose income is hit by injury or illness sustained at

work, it was claimed. Compensation will be restricted to a maximum of one year's back money, plus pension, instead of 10 years, according to industrial Disease Compensation Ltd. The company is expecting a flood of calls to its advice centres from sufferers wanting to mak

# 'Mean' class squeeze

John Carvel Education Editor

requirements for classrooms are expected to be scrapped by the Government this week in a measure described by Labour as mean and short-sighted.

Ments. It is clearly intended for investment in new facilities in the coming year to meet the needs of 86,000 extra pupils and the intended nursery Ministers will publish

orders to remove the regula-

tion obliging governors to provide adequate space when school buildings are planned. The rule, part of a move to give schools greater freedom to manage their own affairs, was due to be extended to existing premises this year, but will be replaced by non-statu-

This mean and shortsighted measure will be a charter for overcrowded classrooms," said David Blunkett, the shadow education

education authorities including the Tory flagship borough of Wandsworth in south London support the deregulation of statutory space require-ments. It is clearly intended being introduced without any

extra investment in buildings Under the 1961 School Premises Regulations, a mini-mum space of 2.51 square metres (25.69 sq ft) had to be provided inside school build-ings for each pupil under the age of nine, rising to 4.69 square metres (45.16 sq ft) for pupils over 15. There were also minimum requirements

In a leaked letter in 1993, John Patten, the former edu-

review should decide "how to resolve the increasing difficulty of having minimum standards for which the costs

> any realistic prospect of the capital expenditure which is likely to be made available". In a written answer last week, Cheryl Gillan, a junior education minister, said the sultation papers but received only 119 replies. Several edu-cation authorities "supported the principle of non-statutory

of compliance go well beyond

guidance ... In particular East Sussex and Wandsworth positively welcome the pro oosed deregulation of statu

sizes, there is anxiety about secretary. "Only two local cation secretary, said a ratios in inner London.

# Police shoot missing lynx

black and withdrew the

The problem of racism and the national team

the four-part series, which

"How many black players: currently play for England? Is there something going on there?" said Harrison-

"Black players I have

spoken to generally feel that England is not for

them. There is a feeling

emains, say the makers of

invitation.

tarts tonight.

David Sharrock ireland Correspon

ORTHERN Ireland has more than its share of dangers, but none more illogical than a legal loophole which led police to shoot dead a wild cat in the mid-Ulster countryside yesterday.

or fancy a Maltese terrier as a pet then you must buy licence if you live in the prov ince. If on the other hand, your taste in domestic fauna stretches to lions or tigers, here is nothing to stop you setting up your own Long

tory space requirements. For days there were sight ings of what police believed was a young lion in the Fin-tona area of County Tyrone. Early yesterday the beast was finally tracked down to a field Although many education authorities expect to be able to fund this month's teachers' pay award without laying off staff and increasing class

full of sheep. Police marksmen were called in and shot it dead.



after search for 'young lion'

When wildlife experts later examined the carcass they told detectives it was not a lion but a lynx.

Hunter hunted . . . lynx shot

The lynx, which was wearing a black leather collar, is thought to have escaped from a local collector — although a

number who have been inter-viewed by police have denied having lost an animal. There are no controls on the keeping of dangarous wild animals in Northern Ireland.

the most interesting stories that came out of the

they pulled on the white shirt and had the three

lions on their chest that

made them feel good. What made them feel good was that they were picked as one of the 22 best players in

The Government has been under growing pressure to extend British legislation to the province and the Northern Ireland environment minisbe considering such a move. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said the situation was ridiculous. It was the second time in a few hours in which they had been called out to hunt for a wild animal. That safari ended when another large wild cat in the area which they thought people

had mistaken for the lion, was also killed. Late last year parts of Fer-managh were terrorised for several days by the loss of a

#### Police settle beef

POLICE used handcuffs to subdue a cow which broke out of its field near Selby, North Yorkshire, on Saturday. The animal ran down a railway line and swam a river before being cornered by

police, a local farmer and slaughtermen.

"They managed to get the animal on the ground. An officer handcuffed its legs together while the farmer and his associates secured it with a rope," a police spokesman said. It was loaded on to a traffer and returned to the field.

#### Help for stressed doctors

A COUNSELLING service for stressed-out doctors is to be nched in April. The 24-hour telephone helpline will operate or a 12-month trial basis, the British Medical Association said yesterday. The BMA has signed a contract with CareAssist, a leading counselling company based in Einckley, Leicestershire, The BMA chairman Sandy Macara said: "I would hope that a new service will not prove to be needed by many doctors, but I fear that n today's market driven health service there are far too many doctors working in unacceptably stressful conditions. This confidential service is for them."

Sandra Ridley, CareAssist's counselling services manager, said: "The BMA scheme will be the first of our services to have its own dadicated counselling ream."

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#### Prison chiefs 'correct' private jail savings

THE PRISON Service has admitted having to cor-rect a document which appeared to undermine govern-ment assertions that private prisons are cheaper than those in the public sector.

Ministers trying to per-suade governors that they can absorb a 13.3 per cent budget cut over three years have said that private prisons can hold prisoners for between 14 per cent and 25 per cent less than public sector is less.

public sector jails.
Unions fighting the cuts obtained a copy of the the internal document, sent in December by the finance director Brian Landers to area managers and experience and experience. ers and governors, and calcu-lated that it showed there was virtually no cost difference. The Prison Service has said

that figures on the cost of each place at a private prison were wrong and have since been correc The revised figures were "generally in line" with min-isters' assertions that private

prisons provided cheaper places, said the spokesman. Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, called for an independent inquiry. The cor-rected figures represented an effort to "shift the goalposts".

The Government's claim is based on an unpublished report by the consultants the LEK Partnership comparing the cost of each place in 1993/ 4 at three private prisons and from the public sector.

An analysis by the Prisons are not for Profit campaign, a joint effort by nine unions, of the original document from Mr Landers showed that the average figures for April to September 1995 were £8,810 for the state prisons and only a little less, £8,750, for the pri

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Richard Lowton, aged 79, regrets that public figures no longer 'do the decent thing'

# Rebel MP miffed, say true blue locals

David Ward finds stalwarts of Conservative Club 'comer group' sceptical of Peter Thurnham's reasons for rejecting his party

servative Club was almost as intense as the rivalry on the snooker table.

As a fively red skittered across the green baize, party stalwarts tried to decide whether their MP. Peter Thurnham, con-cerned by "falling values and standards of public service in the Conservative Party", was right to say he might no longer vote with the Tories in the Commons.

Mr Thurnham (majority 813) has represented Bolton North East in Greater Man-chester for 13 years but 18 months ago announced he would not stand at the next election, when the constituency will have been shoved in Labour's direction by the boundary commissioners. Last year he failed to make the shortlist for the much safer seat of Westmorland and Lonsdale and has since

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IE debate in a corner | said he might stand as an of the games room of independent Tory.
the Astley Bridge Con-Corner Group, the Conservative club equivalent of the 1922 Committee, was that Mr Thurnham was miffed.

Norman Wood, aged 76, said: "We have many differences of opinion in this corner. But does that mean we never go in this corner again? Peter Thurnham was well liked by many people, whether they were Tory, Labour or blooming Trotsky, But I think he's gone over the top."

James Lowe agreed. This was nothing to do with high principles over the Scott report. "It's a fit of pique that he was not selected in Cumbria. Scott was an excuse to bring that to the



Peter Thurnham: worried about falling standards

distinguished MP. "Tve a lot of time for John Major. He's a battler. He needs support. Surely Mr Thurnham could have consulted the local party first. I think the committee should carpet him." Arthur Carter, ex-Royal

Navy, produced photofore. Personally, I don't graphs of his many-mehave a lot of time for him if he disagrees with government policies."

Mr Lowe suggested Mr Tower of London. "Mr the courage to stand up and say what he has. But it has Thurnham was a not very Thurnham is a bit mis-

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guided." he said. "He should keep quiet and toe the line until after the

But one of the Corner Group was disposed to be charitable; "I have no axe to grind on this. If Mr Thurnham wants to go off, wants to express his strong opinions he has every right to do so. What about the Euro rebels? Hell fire, I've heard you all talking about MPs being sheep . . ."
In the club's lounge Rich-

ard Lowton, aged 79, regretted that public fig-ures no longer seemed able to do the decent thing and resign. "I admire Mr Thurnham's principles if he believes the Government has done something which has done something which is not right. I'll be more convinced that his views

are genuine if he goes inde-pendent rather than join another party."

Dave Crosby, who should win Bolton NE for Labour

# Fear of criticism made **Government keep silent**

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

EAR of criticism was one of the reasons why the Government de-cided not to inform Parliament of its changes to guidelines on the sale of de-fence equipment to Iraq, Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry

Secretary, conceded for the first time yesterday.

He said the Government also wanted to keep the change from the United States administration.

In his first extended interview since publication of the Scott report, Mr Lang at-tacked two of Sir Richard the judge had identified no firm or conclusive evidence that ministers changed policy on exports to Iraq, rather than merely modified the guidelines. This undermined the judge's claim that minis-ters misinformed Parliament.

He also dismissed the Sir Richard's criticism of the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, and his use of public Interest immunity certificates as "an argument amongst lawyers". He added: "The strong preponderance of legal opinion is on the side of

the Attoney General."
At times Mr Lang's answers
were greeted with derisive dience on LWTs Dimbleby programme, including his call for the shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, to resign over his accusation that ministers were willing to send innocent people to jail, a charge rejected by the report. Mr Lang's admission came

when Mr Dimbleby pointed out that Sir Geoffrey Howe had told the Scott inquiry tation of the guidelines may

have been kept secret because of "the emotional way" in which public debates on Iraqi Mr Lang replied: "Well, that certainly was a component of it, but that is not an exclusive component ... was a very secondary component."

Another reason for not publicising the guidelines was "the fact that a new American administration was taking office and there was anxiety about the reaction of the American administration if they did not understand the circumstances in which the guidlines were being altered".

He insisted that the exports policy did not change merely that the guidelines were more leniently applied. He defend the Government's decision to withold this from Parliament, saying: "It would be bewildering for Parliament if it was informed every time an export licence application was examined differently ... You have got to accept the practicalities of disclosing every nuance and every mod-ulation of the application of guidelines which were not intended as a proclomation of

foreign policy."
Mr Lang denied the Government had rewritten the constitution unilaterally by changing Questions of Proce-dure for Ministers so that a minister is permitted to mislead Parliament if he does not "knowingly" do so. He said: "It is not misleading if a minister does not know that what he is saying is not true then he cannot be held to ac count. It is no deception of Parliament if you tell them things that you believe to be

out that Sir Geoffrey Howe had told the Scott inquiry that a more flexible interpre-

# **'Contradictory** conclusions' under attack

Richard Norton-Taylor on guilt and innocence

IR Richard Scott's own conclusions. That has report into the arms-to-iraq scandal is being widely criticised by MPs and sury, and Sir Nicholas Lyell. commentators as diffuse. over-long, and contradictory.

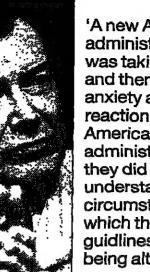
There are passages which appear to reach a particularly damning conclusion, only to be followed by others which seem to take the sting out of it. This aspect of the report reflects the judge's determi-nation fully to reflect the barrage of complaints he received from those he accused in his earlier drafts.

Sir Richard made it clear it was not for him to call for resignations. He would lay out the evidence, and Parliament and the public would judge. Where he felt he could not come to a clear conclusion he left it to readers to draw their

Attorney General, to seize on one or two phrases which, they say, free them from the most serious charges.

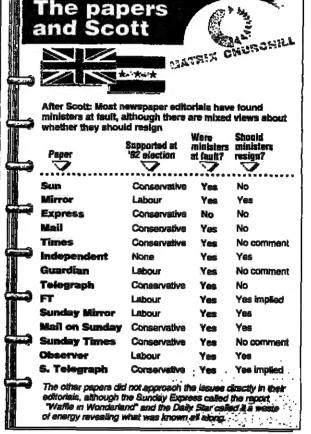
Referring to one period Sir Richard accepts that Mr Waldegrave "did not intend" to be misleading. Yet elsewhere, he accuses him of "deliberate" failure to inform Parliament of the change in policy towards the sale of arms-related goods to Iraq.
While he exonerates Mr Waldegrave of any "duplici-tous intention" in denying

that the decision to adopt a more liberal approach to exports to Iraq, in the same paragraph he refers to the "duplications nature" of his



'A new American administration was taking office and there was anxiety about the reaction of the American administration if they did not understand the circumstances in which the guidlines were being altered'

— lan Lang (left)



claims. Elsewhere, he accuses | vate secretary, told Mr Major him of "sophistry", of know-ingly misleading MPs, and of a "deliberate failure" to inform MPs about the Government's policy shift.
Sir Richard says that

"major responsibility for the inadequacy of the instruc-tions to Mr Moses [prosecution counsel in the Matrix Churchill arms-to-Iraq trial] must, in my opinion, be borne by the Attorney General". Yet he says elsewhere: "I accept the genuineness of his belief that he was personally, as opposed to constitutionally. blameless for the inadequacy of the instructions . . . But I do not accept that he was not personally at fault." Sir Richard also notes that

in November 1992 Stephen Wall, John Major's then pri-

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"The most that can be said against you ... is that as Chancellor of the Exchequer [a post held by Mr Major between 1989 and 1990] you knew that the Government had decided to change the [export] guidelines." Mr Wall's note was written

amid panic in the Cabinet Office after the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial. A few days later Nicolas Bevan, a senior Cabinet Office offical now secretary to the Commons Speaker, Betty Booth-royd — concluded that the export guidelines were not changed after all — a solution which conveniently made any question of Mr Major's knowledge irrelevant. Sir Richard says he is unable to accept Mr

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Pictures of starved and abused captives in Serb camps (right) shocked the world early in the war.

**Ed Vulliamy** returns to Omarska, where in August 1992 he was the first newspaper journalist to report from the camp, and talks to the doctors who were in control



# Horror hidden beneath ice and lies

IREE years, and seven months ago, the heat of the sun-was impenitent as we stumbled into Camp Omarska, a place that defiled history. Columns of Muslim prisoners emerged from a capacious rusty-red across a yard into a canteen under the watchful eye of a beefy machine-gunner. Their skin was folded over their bones like parchment, their hollow eyes burned with fear.

"I do not want to tell any lies," said one emaciated fig-ure. "but I cannot tell the The truth unfolded in the days that followed: Omarska Nothing has changed, except was a monstrosity: an inferno | that what is left is draped in

of murder, torture and rape. snow. Why did the Muslims It was a stain upon our century. It had taken five putrid summer days of 1992 to argue our way into that foul corner.

Now the empty road is covered in ice at the turn-off for Omarska. Past the Cafe-Disko and the closed wooden church, through the village and over a humpback bridge across the

railway track ... and there, quite suddenly, is the sign — Omarska Mine — and the heart misses a beat. It is -7C but the shiver is not from Thick snow has overlaid

what happened here. In the yard, children play with sledges. This tarmac was once bloody killing field, the bodies loaded on to trucks by

The installations themselves have become emblems of evil. the spidery iron tentacles of conveyor helts and machinery that link one shed to another are silent and skeletal like the inmates that were packed inside. Disused rusty boxcars litter the railway track. In 1992, this rolling stock was loaded with Muslim deportees on their way if they survived the journey

to central Bosnia.

Three sentries stop us at the main gate. Two of them had worked at the mine. This war plays tricks with mind and memory. Its secrets, once revealed, go back into hiding. They lie buried. but not without trace, by ice and snow, by time and lies.

"Nothing happened here," | genocide. Eighteen of his says a bright-eyed 38-year old who was employed as a technician in the mine and has stayed on with the security staff, now in military uniform. Iron ore was processed here, he says, until the end of his guards and "shift commanders" have also been indicted.

But none of those sitting round the table in Prijedor that morning — the people with authority over Camp Omarska, to the degree that they authorised our visit and 1992, so how can it have been any kind of camp in the August of that year? "There was a collection centre at Trnopolje down the road," he admits. "But here, nothing."

It would be impossible to tell that he is lying, he speaks with such frank, indeed amicable, self-assurance, "We are from Omarska, we would have known. There was no camp here at all. There was no camp — ever."

His friend is only 24. "The Muslims funded the media," he explains, "and the belevi-

sion pictures were forged."
"Anyone could do that," adds the 28-year old, and he demonstrates how he would con-struct the montage, laughing. The road to Omarska from Prijedor, the nearest town, is a comfortless sight, skirting the edges of Kozarac, razed into the dust of its own stone.

Miles and miles of Muslim
houses were already blown to
pieces or incinerated when we drove this way in 1992.

The 28-year-old guard leans forward, open-eyed: "I really don't know why they left." His mystification appears utterly genuine. "We lived together like brothers. We married with them. And suddealy they left. It's like I

packed my bags and disap-

peared one night." Then a simple question. Excuse me, but what are your names? The answer from the 28-year-old, suddenly harsh, is unexpected: "We had a nice chat. But names are secret. The Muslims know me and I know them. But they have to produce the evidence of what I did. They can come up to you in the street one day and tike you to The Hague, This

is how they work. visit Omarska in 1992 was preceded by a torturous briefing at Prijedor civic tablished and administered the camp. The military com-mander. Colonel Vladimir Arsic, explained that Omarska was run by the police on be-half of the civil authorities— the president of the local authority and his deputy - who were duly introduced. These men, after much argument, took us to the mine.

There we met the on-site commander of the camp Zjelko Meakic, in mirror shades, who later became the first man to be indicted by the War Crimes Tribunal for Omarska detention camp near Prijedor in 1992

they authorised our visit and physically took us there — have been indicted at The

day-to-day administration of Camp Omerska was Dr Milan Kovacevic, an anaesthetist by profession. He was a bear of a man with a pale moustache and he told us there was nothing the world could teach the Serbs about concentration camps, since he had been born in one. Camp Jasenovac had been set up by the Cro-atian Nazi puppet regime for Serbs, Jews, gypsies and

After our discovery of Omarska, when the media cir-cus descended on Prijedor and the camp was hurriedly closed, Dr Kovacevic was assigned the task of explaining to the world's cameras what a His eyes were fiery with en-thusiasm for what he called

ODAY they are still ruddy, but from some other, more introverted emotion, and no doubt from his taste for the home-

made plum brandy he pro-duces from his cupboard at 10am. It was a good year for plums, he explains, but the jam factories are all shut. Shame to let them go to waste. Dr Kovacevic, it turns out,

view."
What about the burned houses along the road? Was that necessary, or a moment of madness? Dr Kovacevic of madness? Dr Kovacevic proceeds cautiously, accompanied by a second glass of brandy. "It was both things. The houses were burned at the beginning, people were losing control. People weren't behaving normally."

This comes as a surprise. The Serbs in charge of what happened in 1992 do not usually talk like this. Was it all a

ally talk like this. Was it all a terrible mistake? "To be sure it was a terrible mistake," he answers. A third glass, and

hospital. He remains a proud nationalist. "The facts showed it necessary to destroy Bosnia. I wanted to make this Serb land. Without Muslims, yes. We cannot live together. I still hold that taken with the same as Auschwitz or Dachau, but it reter." and how it was done. What we did was not the same as Auschwitz or Dachau, but it was a mistake. It was planned to have a camp for people, but

to have a camp for people, but not a concentration camp."

He has never had this conversation before, the anaesthetist says. But he ploughs on. "Omarska," he tells us, "was planned as a reception centre." The idea was to take in familles for their own protection. "But then it turned." tection. But then it turned into something else. I cannot explain the loss of control. I don't think even the histori-ans will find an explanation in the next 50 years. You could call it collective

Dr Kovacevic made no at tempt in 1992 to hide his role. but now, surely, he must. The Hague is a serious business. "Were you part of this collec-tive madness, doctor, or out-

There is no stopping him now. "If someone acquitted me, saying that I was not a member of that collective madness, then I would have to admit that this was not true. But then I would want to part of it. It's a fact that I was member of the municipal we cannot all be the same, even within the madness. Every man has his good side, and his bad side. Where he is is the important thing." He returns constantly to his

memories of Jasenovac. The difference between the two camps, he explains, is that in Omarska "there were not more than 100 killed, whereas Jasenovac was a killing factory". Only 100 killed at Omarska? "I said there were 100 killed, not died. About 100 was the number who were actually killed, not how many died. You will have to talk to the doctors about how many died." But later he throws off his caution: "Oh, I don't know how many were killed in there, God knows. It's a wind tunnel, this part of the world, the hurricane blowing

world, the hurricane blowing to and fro..."

And so why did the doctor resign office? "I left politics because I saw many bad things. This is my personal secret. Things did not turn out the way I planned. If you have to do things by killing people, well... Now my hair is white. I don't sleep so well."

People are coming in and out, asking for medicines, even consultations. And what will you do now,

with your expertise? "I just want a job. In Paris or Berlin or Austria. But if I arrive in Austria with a Bosnian passport, they will say: 'You come from the same country as Dusko Tadic!

"Of course I think about my Muslim friends," he reflects, the brandy bottle now empty. the cigarette packet pensively crused in his huge fist. "Are they slright? Are they alive?"

R KOVACEVIC'S boss in 1992 was the "president", or mayor, of Prije-dor, Milomir Sta-kic He was a buildog of a man who barked in clipped phrases. And he was intro-duced to us as he man endowed with the authority to grant, or refuse, access to

He too turns out to be medical man, now director of the local health centre. He is running for mayoral office again, as the candidate for Radovan Karadzic's SDS party. Dr. Stakic meets us at his clinic, and introduces a man with a particularly menacing air. Viktor Kondic, whom he calls his "deputy" at the health centre.

What happened at Omerska? Mr Kondic intervenes quickly. "Omarska was a mine. An iron mine. That is all." The reports, the television pictures? Dr. Stakic clarifies. "They were pictures of Serbian prisoners in Muslim carries As a sourcelist. think about how much I was a lim camps. As a journalist, you have to come to the spot to know what you are talking one was collected into the Omarska mine."

Then an immediate contradiction, "At Omarska," Dr Stakic elaborates, "there was an investigation process for only a particular number of Muslims. And once we had established a military prison, Omarska was the place only for Muslims found with ille-

And it was not a concentre tion camp, he insists. "The Muslims in Omarska had food. Doctors. They didn't work. Omarska was not a hotel [he manages his only smile, and it is not a pleasant one) but it was not a concen-tration camp. Serbs only go to extremes when their freedom is threatened." He stares at us, with menace in his eyes. The wintry night has fallen, the streets outside are still.

Within, there is a leaden silence until Dr Stakic volun-teers an odd remark: "It is very brave of you to be sitting here like this with us so late in the evening." Now Nato's commander is

storming through Omarska seeking to dig up the dead, leading platoons of writers from glossy magazines and experts from the human rights industry in a frantic search for buried bones which the Serbs appear to be moving or incinerating. When there is nothing to be done, we know everything.

But in the frozen village of Omarska: "There is no camp.
There was no camp — ever."

back on track

John Hooper in Rome

THE emergency summit to put the Bosnian peace process back on track was last night hailed

by its organisers. Richard Holbrooks, the US assistant secretary of state and architect of the Dayton peace agreement, said: "In Rome, we have avoided a crisis by smooth-ing out and indeed, perhaps, eliminating some of those bumps in the road that we have encountered.

that we have encountered.

"This was Dayton's first real test — a real challenge on several fronts. I believe that we passed the test but it wasn't easy."

In two days of intensive and sometimes difficult negative the presidents.

gotiations, the presidents of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia reached these deals

tors:
The re-establishment of links with the Bosnian Serbs. Links with the Implementation Force (I-FOR) rest of two Serb officers; An agreement on putting new life into the shaky Muslim-Croat federation;
 An agreement to reunify the divided Bosnian town

of Mostar:

· A joint statement reaffirming the commitment to reunify Sarajevo; · New, closer links be-

ween the Bosnian government and the Serbs at the highest level.

The parties also vowed to implement the Dayton provisions on war crimes cooperation. But Mr Holbrooks refered to see brooke refused to say whether the Serbian presi-dent, Slobodan Milosevic, would hand over Bosnian Serb leaders wanted by The Hague tribunal. Their polit-ical leader, Radovan Karadzic, and army chief, General Ratko Miadic, have both been indicted.

The first meeting at which the Bosnian Serbs will be represented is due to take place today — a session of the joint military Mr Holbrooke indicated

that economic sanctions against the Bosnian Serbs would be suspended if Nato decided they were comply-ing with the peace agree-ment by the end of the week.



Meagre rations . . . A Muslim prisoner holds a piece of bread after finishing a meal in the

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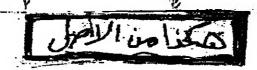
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# **Britain tries to halt US sanctions bill**

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

RITAIN is waging a desperate diplomatic campaign to per-suade the United States Congress to drop plans for sanctions against foreign companies trading with Libya and Iran. for fear of a full-blown transatlantic row if the legislation goes ahead, the Guardian has learned.

Foreign Office officials warn that the proposed law will lead to a rift between the US and the European Union. with Britain squeezed be-tween the two, and underwhen the two, and under-mine existing United Nations sanctions against Libya. "This is a disaster in the mak-ing," one official said. "We are very worried by the damage it could do to our bilateral relationship," a US

diplomat said. "Neither one of us wants to get into this, but the dynamics are pushing

towards a collision." The US legislation aims to punish Iran for allegedly sup-porting terrorism and developing nuclear weapons, and to pressure Libya into hand-ing over two intelligence offi-cers accused of the Lockerble bernbing in 1000 bombing in 1988.

It is expected to be passed within weeks unless British lobbying, orchestrated from the highest levels of the For-eign Office, is successful.

Prospects are said to be poor.
Direct talks between John
Major and President Bill Clinton, and between the Foreign
Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, and the US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, have so

Warren Christopher, have so far failed to resolve the issue.

The Iranian bill, introduced last year by the Republican senator Alphonse D'Amato of New York, would penalise non-US companies trading with Iran by denying them loans. It could prohibit their imports to the US and exclude them from US government contracts.

Washington's policy of "dual containment" of Iraq and Iran has often brought conflict with the EU, which favours "critical dialogue"

favours "critical dialogue" with Tebran. Britain is closer to the US position because of the unresolved

But the new law would worsen the transatlantic split. worsen the transatiantic split.
Other EU partners have protested to Washington, and
Britain is especially concerned about the Libyan measures added by a Democratic
senator, Edward Kennedy,
Mr Kennedy was responding

to domestic pressure for tougher action against Libya, largely from families of victims of the Lockerbie disaster.

To the frustration of British diplomats, Clinton policy is being driven by the presi-dent's national security coun-cil rather than the more

amenable state department.
The proposed Libyan sanctions could affect several big European oil and gas companies. British companies could also face US sanctions if they invest more than \$40 million (£26 million) in the Libyan oil and gas industry.

Britain argues that by acting unilaterally against Libya, Washington will fur-ther weaken other countries' resolve to abide by the limited UN sanctions.

to be counter-productive," a key British official said. "Lockerbie is not an Ameri-"Lockerbie is not an American preserve, and this is not something you play around with for domestic political reasons. Can you think of anything more bizarre than the US slapping sanctions on a British company?"

British fears that in an

a British company?"
Britain fears that, in an election year, no US politician would wish to appear "soft" on Iran and Libya. US sources say Mr Clinton will not veto the legislation.

• Iran has begun legal proceedings against the US to defuse its "plots" against Tehran, the foreign minister. Ali Akbar Velayati, said.

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#### British EU official quits under a cloud

Stephen Bates in Brussels

ONE of Britain's most senior officials with the European Commission in Brussels has resigned abruptly following allegations that he set up a private con-sultancy with a Russian

Michael Emerson, who returned to Brussels in Janu-ary after five years as the EU's head of mission in Russia admitted that he had been holding discussions about ssional opportunities"

while in Moscow Mr Emerson's reputation as an economist of impeccable when it became clear that he had left his family to live with a Russian former employee of the EU's mission to Moscow,

15 years his junior. Mrs Emerson said from the family flat in Brussels yester-day: "I can't believe what is being said. My husband is the most unworldly person. If I am not here he lives on packet soup. There is no one less interested in material rewards."

The resignation looks certain to provoke an investigation by the European parlia-ment into the operation of the

EU's embassies abroad. Mr Emerson said: "I can confirm that I have been discussing some professional op-portunities in the event I retired from the Commission after leaving Moscow. These discussions are not concluded ... and have been of a normal preliminary character. I have

in effect told the Commission that because I prefer to pur-sue an independent career, I intend to retire." The Commission's antifraud unit was called in to investigate Mr Emerson a fortnight ago after documents,

including letters between him and a St Petersburg-based businessman called flye Bas-kin, were passed to officials. It is understood that one. written in Brussels last month, refers to "our consultancy company" and talks of dealing directly with Mr Baskin. Another, to the Moscow office of the accountants

Coopers and Lybrand, suggests setting up a company in the republic of Kirghizia. Mr Emerson refused to confirm reports that he was hav-ing an affair with Yelena Prokhorova, who used to work at the EU's mission in Moscow.

#### Domestic war goes public as Öregon couple contest seat

Jonathan Freedland in Concord, New Hampshi

WHILE most Americans are watching the Republican family feud in New Hampshire, the voters of Oregon are gripped by a domestic war much closer to home: the bitter contest between a husband and

wife fighting each other for the same seat. Thomas and Melinda Wilde are both candidates for the 8th district of the Oregon state senate. He is a Democrat, she a Republican, and the battle has al-

ready turned nasty. From the hous share the political rivals devise attacks on each other and campaign literature to expose the flaws

they know only too well.
"She knew nothing about politics before she met me and, frankly, I'm the better candidate," says Mr Wilde. What's more, he adds, she doesn't do her share of the

washing-up.
The duelling couple — the first to stage such contest in a US election — used to he on the same side. Until last month, he was her cam-paign manager. But they bickered about everything.

"It got way too personal, way too nasty," Mr Wilde says. So Mr Wilde, a house-husband aged 40, considered divorce. Eventually he chose the next best thing: a public battle at the polls.

"I was ticked off to lose my campaign manager," says Ms Wilde, a lawyer aged 35. "But my biggest concern was that he would that people would think this is a joke."

Instead, voters have em-braced the contest, marvelling at the rival his-and-hers campaign signs on the Wildes' front lawn and licking their lips at the dirty tricks in store. The pair insist they want

to stay together. Do they still love each other? "Yeah, sure," Mr Wilde says. "But I didn't get into this to lose.

The couple could soon face each other in a televised debate. "I hope it's not like when we debate at home," Mr Wilde says. "We're kind of natural at going for each other's throat."

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### At the end of the peer

Elect a new upper House

NOTHING in British politics so sharply defines the difference between Labour and the Conservatives as their respective attitudes to the House of Lords. However radically the Conservatives may see themselves in other respects, they remain the doggedest defenders of the unreformed upper House. There is no more dra-matic disjunction than to hear Conservative ministers celebrating the wholesale and wilful restructuring of British industry in one breath and displaying outrage at even the most gradual proposed reform of the British constitution in the next.

Conversely, however cautious Labour may be about uprooting the legacy of Conservative economic and industrial policy, or about chucking out Conservative restructuring of the welfare state and education, when it comes to the constitution Labour is genuinely ready for action. Earlier this month Tony Blair's John Smith lecture set out an ambitious and meaty legislative programme, coherent and directed, which would occupy a Labour government for at least the lifetime of a parliament and probably more. In this part of Labour's programme there is no shirking the big targets - with

the conspicuous exception of the monarchy. In his Smith lecture Mr Blair committed himself to abolishing the political power of hereditary peers. The balance of party loyalty among the 300-plus hereditary peers is grossly blased in the Conservatives' favour, he argues, and there are no conceivable grounds for maintaining this system. Mr Blair believes that some of the genuinely talented existing hereditary peers could return to the reformed House as life peers, and that there is room for further discussion about a continuing appointed element — as favoured by the leader of the Labour peers Lord Richard — in the event of the upper House becoming an elected body at a later stage.

The central objection to Mr Blair's plans is not that

they go too far but that they do not go far enough. The loss of the hereditary peers will leave some 280 life peers who take the various party whips, plus another 100 or so cross-benchers (who include the judges and the bishops) who take no whip. Even among those who will remain there is a built-in Conservative majority on most occasions. A Blair government would therefore have to do something to redress the balance in the short-term, even if it stops short of packing the Lords with Labour supporters, and will also need to establish means by which future appointments are made. Clearly, this confers enormous extra powers of patronage upon the office of prime minister. Unless and until the second House is elected in some as yet unspecified way, there will remain a permanent danger of party bias, nepotism and corruption.

Labour's shadow Home Secretary Jack Straw has recently countered this objection by saying that the proposed "one-line bill" to abolish hereditary voting rights has to be seen as part of a longer term project. It will be a first step, leading to other more democratic changes. Better a quango of the living than a quango of the dead says Mr Straw, a good phrase and a fair point as far as it goes. Labour would not go for a majority in the Lords, he insists. To guard against government bias there will be an independent advisory body with an

unspecified role in selecting new life peers. Mr Straw's elaborations are useful, and it would be churlish not to recognise that they contain important concessions to the need for checks and pluralism. But they do not dispose of the fear that Labour will find the temptation to reward its own chums irresistible, especially after the long years of opposition to a Conservative government which so shamelessly attempted to create its own one-party nomenklatura state. The remark which should haunt Mr Blair comes from the enobled Herbert Morrison: "There's a lot to be said for the House of Lords." Once the reformers get the ermine on, in other words, it may all look a bit different. The great anxiety is that somehow, somewhere in the new order of things, the impulse to further reform will become dulled, and that Labour will bequeath to a future government of another stripe a system which will be abused in turn for a different purpose. Better a Labour majority than a Conservative majority, many will say. But better an elected second chamber than either of them. And soon.

#### **Playing it blind**

Time to get tougher in Angola

THE UN'S GRUDGING assent to extend its peacekeeping mission in Angola for another three months reflects a lukewarm commitment which is all too familiar. Like other countries which became surrogate battlefields of the cold war, Angola and its continuing problems have been shrugged aside. The international community failed to back the verdict of the 1992 elections which should have confirmed the existing Angolan government (MPLA) in power. Instead it condoned the wrecking efforts of the rebel Unita which threatened to turn the country into another Somalia - and succeeded in doing so. In the two years of ensuing conflict it is estimated that more than 300,000 Angolans - about three per cent of the population - died. The Angolan people now live, and die, in a situation which is neither war nor peace. Three-quarter of a million of them are displaced and a million children (let alone adults) now suffer acute deprivation.

A new Human Rights Watch report\* is correct in recording that both sides have committed violations. New weaponry has reached the government in Luanda, especially from Russia and the Ukraine. Unita has stepped up its cross-border operations to bring in new weapons by land and air from Zaire and the Congo along routes developed in previous years by the CIA. A blind eye also appears to be turned towards the purchase of diamonds from Unita by reputable international traders which has replaced US covert aid.

The root problem remains the legitimacy conferred by international actors - from the US itself to UN aid agencies and the Secretary-General - upon the Unita leader Jonas Savimbi after he spurned the result of the 1992 elections. He has now slowed down even further his army's demobilisation while refusing to take up ministerial posts offered to Unita in the latest of many concessions. Angola's problems will never be solved as long as Mr Savimbi's thuggish behaviour is appeased. \*Angola Between War and Peace, Human Rights Watch, 33 Islington High St., M1 9LH.

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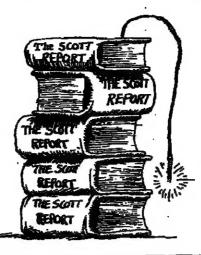


Fig. 4: White.

Fig. 3: Black.

# Supergun turned on the Ministers | A lot of rubbish is being talked in the big Wandsworth dust-up

lethal equipment was sold to Iraq (Pressure mounts for Lyell and Waldegrave to resign, February 10). Leaving aside the relative non-lethality of the British-made prototype
300mm supergun, which was
found, in Iraq, in an assembled and functional state by
UN inspectors and subsequently blown up by them, does non-lethel status now extend to the Sterling submachine-guns shipped to Iraq via Jordan? I'm so pleased to learn that these fine examples of British engineering are of-ficially non-lethal, because my four-year-old nephew would be delighted to receive one as a present. Matthew Spencer. 36 Shefford Road,

A novel cult

commented on my book, The

1995) in this most engaging

manner: "I tell my friends who are in New York, come to

Giza, make a crazy theory

about the pyramids, write a book, and you will become rich and famous." (Profits of

doom, February 16). But wait. Don't go rushing

to Egypt yet. John Dugdale

has an even less demanding approach: "Be a bloke. And

preferably sport a beard ...

he recommends, inter alia, the novice cult guru writer.

There are a few little prob-lems, though. Other than the fact that neither myself, nor

Graham Hancock, Adrian Gil-bert, Maurice Cotterell or, as

far as I know, Erich von Däni-

ken. "sport a beard", such in-

genuous advice merely reveals

a bizarre, never-never-land

perception of the real effort involved.

Meanwhile, I am deeply hon-

oured to see myself bunched up harum-scarum with Kablil Gibran, though frankly I do not see how anyone — well, except the sad Profits of Gloom

of this world — can be so bro-midic as to ask "So what?" of Gibran's wooderful sensitivity

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Letters to the Editor

Michael Heseltine was asked:
"Kenneth Clarke, the Home
Secretary, Tristan GarelJones at the Foreign Office,
and Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, also signed PII certificates. Did they know you had signed a different cer-tificate?" Heseltine replied: "They did — I just did not want them to be in a position where they discovered I had done this without being told." This may not mean that those three Ministers con-spired to send innocent men to prison. It does show that they knew what they were doing, and knew the likely conse-quences of their signing. John Griffith. Professor of Public Law, University of London, Senate House, Malet Street,

London WC1 7HU.

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Yours contentedly, Ludd

ruary 14) did not adequately convey the advantages com-

puters have brought in the second half of this century. Two of my partners' family

have received incorrect med-ical advice because of notes or

test results being mixed up. People still die regardless of

monitoring and scanning equipment, for lack of inten-

sive care beds. The passenger jets made

possible by computer design are a menace to the environ-

ment, and the space race was phenomenally expensive for comparatively little result. Similarly, ICBMs are a curse,

not a blessing. Incorrect bills are still sent

and computer error is invoked as the cause just as frequently as human error. I still

receive bills for previous

addresses even after paying off one marked "Closing bill".

It is odd that anyone in Henry

HENRY Porter's interesting piece (Life, BC [Before the age of the Computer]. Feb.

as sophistry whereas those of us who lack subtlety nevertheless recognise that he is telling porky pies?

Two per cent of teachers are incompetent. Evidence for this is based on the extrapolation of data from a database not designed to draw such

• 10 per cent of cabinet ministers are incompetent. This is based on a three-year investigation by a senior judge.

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should object to paying bills by post. Many of us still do in

this day and age.
I can see no advantage in

the globalisation of currency markets which led to Black Wednesday, the equipment to

run nuclear power stations, or being able to break the print unions and adding innu-

merable clerks and miners to

the ranks of the unemployed.

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N AN attempt to whitewash the Tate's roots, curator Simon Wilson (Letter, Febru-ary 15) writes: The process of abolishing slavery was completed with the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 which freed all slaves in British colonies. Henry Tate built his first sugar refinery in 1873." In fact, Sir Henry Tate made his vast fortune as a Liverpool merchant and sugar broker long before his refined "sugar cubism". From being the "capital of slave trade" in the 18th cen-tury, the city became the states trace in the 1stri cen-fury, the city became the "Cateway to Empire" in the 19th century. After 1833 "slaves" in British colonies were called "apprentices" and various forms of slavery continued throughout the 19th century in French, Span-

ish and Portuguese colonies in the Caribbean. Mr Wilson also dismisses the testimony of two of Cézanne's contemporaries that he had "Creole" origins. One of those, Ambroise Vollard, was the patron and agent who promoted Cézanne's first one-man show, when the artist

was 56. And the Tate in Liverpool still has only one black em-ployee out of a workforce of

Ibrahim Thompson. Artistic Director, Liverpool Anti-Racist Community
Arts Association,
23 Clarence Street,
Liverpool L3 5TN.

which won the contract on a which won the contract on a tender £740,000 lower than the next lowest bid. ServiceTeam bid £1.03m; its three nearest rivals bid between £1.77m and £1.9m. Unless one assumes that these three other companies were grossly profiteering, it seems that the bid on which ServiceTeam is operating was significantly underpriced.

AAH tiself confirmed on February 3 last year that there was "over-aggressive tendering and cost overruns on a relatively small number of contracts". It concluded then that "a return to profit cannot be foreseen within the Secretary, Labour Research Department, 78 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8HF.

WAS surprised to see the statement by David Sullivan of ServiceTeam that "the [Wandsworth contract] is loss making because productivity is so low" (Bins row 'sullies' Labour plan, February 16).

We have been commissioned by the union GMB to carry out research into the financial position of ServiceTeam took contract at Wandsworth and this suggests another explanation. ServiceTeam took over the contract from AAH Environmental Services, which won the contract on a starting. From day one, Servi-ceTeam have agreed with the Tories that their mounting losses in Wandsworth must be due to a "dinosaur" and lazy workforce, rather than the underfunded council contract. How lazy are you if you work from 5am to 4pm six days per week for only 40 hours pay? week for only 40 hours pay?
The company appears to stand shoulder to shoulder with every other had em-ployer whose lack of respect for their workforce has helped

create the barren society we live in. And surely, if "dino-saur" were an accurate de-scription of a workforce 15 years after privatisation, it would be the worst indictment yet of compulsory competitive

Secretary, Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Union Council, 177a Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TE.

#### A Country Diary

OLD WESTMORLAND: Look- | gie of tilted grass and heather, ing south-east from heights above Kendal you see, stretched along the horizon. the long, dark spine of Gra-gareth with the table-top of Ingleborough just peeping over the right-hand edge and, in front, the sprawling bulk of Middleton Fall. I've never seen anybody on this curl-ously-neglected hill and we had it to ourselves, again, the other day although there was one line of boot-prints, trod-den in, I estimated, the previ-ous day. There was, though, one encounter — with a lost foxhound, no doubt from the Lunesdale pack, vainly cours-ing the hill and looking dis-tinctly cold and hungry. She licked the meat paste from our spare sandwiches but discarded the bread and seemed to enjoy the tomato soup; then she was off, bounding away up the snow with an energy belying her scrawny ribs. Middleton Fell is a lofty trian-

wedged between the Lune and the attractive trough of Barbondale, with a high, ridge that forms part of the bound-ary with the Yorkshire Dales national park. Its highest point, Calf Top, is just 1,999 feet above sea-level so that, perched on the cairn, you are over 2,000 feet up, but you can't include it in the two-thousanders of either Cumbria or Yorkshire. The best walk goes all round the rim, a 12-mile round, but the tiring, soft snow slowed us down the other day so we turned west at Calf Top and wandered eas-ily down the contours and back to Barbon, finishing along the line of a disused railway. Enjoying the fresh air and sunshine and well wrapped-up against the bit-ingly-cold wind, we decided we had made the best choics for a short winter's day. A BARRY GRIFFIN

# Scott not guilty of bad grammar. Not

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

HE damage done to the English language by Sir Richard Scott's report on the sale of arms to Iraq was not, in my view, deliberate. He was not part of a conspiracy never to use a familiar word when an arcane or archaic expression could be employed in its place. Nor was the habit of first making an assertion and then asserting the very opposite, prompted by a duplications intention. Yet I remain pro-foundly disturbed It is impossible to overestimate the constitutional importance of disclosure to the general public of what Sir Richard really thinks about William Waldegrave and Nicholas Lyell. But we remain unsure about his real opinion. The problem is, in my view, the failure on a number of occasions for proper use to be made of available intelligence — in this case Sir Richard's own.

(Queen's Bench Division 1852) rather than a proper study of syntax and philology. But. whatever made him cavalier about the tongue that Shakespeare spake, his near con-tempt for all that Fowler stands for is beyond question.
When, on December 8, 1983,
Mangaret Thatcher concluded
her evidence to his inquiry,
she bade Sir Richard goodbye
with an uncharacteristically
gracious valediction. "I fear
that there will be much grammar to be corrected." Lord Justice Scott, as he then was, replied with what at the time seemed to be a calculated mixture of reassurance and menace. "Never mind the gram-mar, that is the least of our problems". The alternative interpretations of his report have proved him wrong. on which language is built.

Grammar is the framework And language is the vehicle on which ideas are carried. If we are not careful about the direction which it takes, we

I attribute the difficulties to the Scott Report's comments his legal education — all that on the conduct of Sir Nicholas Jarndice vs Jarndice stuff Lyell illustrate. Considering the Attorney General's failure to notify the trial judge that Michael Heseltine had been reluctant to sign the Public Interest Immunity (gagging) Orders, Sir Richard observed, 17 de not seemt that he was 'I do not accept that he was not personally at fault." Lito-tese, the double negative, is said by the Oxford Dictionary to diminish or obscure meaning. What was wrong with the simple statement, "Lyell was wrong"? Cynics may suspect that Sir

Richard wanted to soften the blow — to criticise rather than condemn and to damage rather than destroy. There is, however, another explanation of his conduct — at once more honorable and more irritat-ing. The double negative has him in thrall. His report concludes that the policy of arms sales to Iraq "did not remain unchanged". In other words it was changed. What strange linguistic inhibition prevented Sir Richard from say-

are in danger of arriving at the may well be the casual use the wrong destination — as of language which is respon-

sible for the Scott Report's disturbing inconsistencies. William Waldegrave — the man who wrote, or at least signed, more than 30 misleading letters — was adjudged to have behaved "without any duplicitious intention". If words have any value, that can only mean that he did not set out to deany value, that can only mean that he did not set out to deceive Parliament or public about the relaxation of the

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arms embargo. So what are we to make of paragraph D8:16? Partiament and public were designedly led to believe that a stricter policy towards non-lethal defence exports and double use exports to Iraq was being adopted than was, in fact, the case. It is difficult to absorb. at first glance, the meaning of so convoluted a sentence. But there is no doubt about the word "designedly"

premeditately, with forethought, with malice afore-thought, for a purpose, in order to, with intention or object, in pursuance of, by design, according to plan, and as arranged". If Mr Waldegrave misled the House of Commons in a way which is properly described by any of gage in a philosophical dis-

more acute after reading page guitles and the contradictions 497 of the report. Parliamentary questions, it says, were answered in a way which failed to inform about the current state of policy on arms sales. "The failure was deliberate." So — if the Scott Report is to be taken as a I prefer the alternative whole - we have to believe in a deliberate but non-duplicitous failure to tell the House According to the Oxford of Commons the truth, it citous way.

says, "When I use a word, it means exactly what I want it to mean". Significantly, he said it in a haughty tone. We know that Sir Richard disapproved of his work being subject to philological analysis. Last Thursday, he told a press conference. The report properly described by any of those adverbs, it is difficult to imagine how he could have acted without duplicity.

Induct: I am not going to engage in a philosophical discussion about the meaning of words." If he persists in that view, he will give credence to The difficulty becomes the suspicion that the ambiare intentional — perhaps even that one of the conflicting views was written before the criticised ministers saw theory. Sir Richard was careless in the use of language -

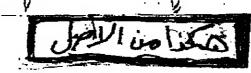
designedly but not in a dupli-

would be wrong to relate all

this semantic confusion to

Alice In Wonderland. It is in

Alice Through The Looking Glass that Humpty Dumpty



#### Suzanne Goldenberg

HESE are days of hunger and anticipa-tion as the Banglade shi capital gets ready for its annual explosion of shopping and feasting. As soon as the crescent moon is sighted on the evening of February 20, Ramadan will be over, giving way to Eid-ul-Fitr and days of excess.

After strikes and the lan-guors of Ramadan, the city has come alive. Store fronts are draped with strings of coloured lights, and the shops stay open until midnight. But there is still too much to buy, and too little time. Normally decorous Bangladeshis elbow each other aside for auto rickshaws; once inside, their passengers disappear car-

rier bags. In smarter boutiques. brightly-coloured saris and cream-coloured men's silk pajamas fly through the air, fought over by matrons and their weary spouses. Young men stare glumly at wellery counters; girls fold impossibly expensive saris around their shoulders and look dreamlly in the mirror.

line the old bazaar boys sit-ting cross-legged on cushions hunch over sari biouses and men's shirts, making tiny stitches throughout the night to assemble the festive finery for this once-a-year blow out. "This is more than Christmas." says Wahlduddhin Mahmud, president of the Bangladesh Economic Assemblation of the Bangladesh Economic Assemblation of the Bangladesh Economic Assemblates and backward looking Euro-federalists. We have hardly begun to think the bangladesh Economic Assemblates and properties and pr nomic Association and a Dhaka University

professor. Tradition demands that the holiday be celebrated with new clothes and visits to relations in the village, and it's no different in Bangladesh though it ranks among the dozen poorest countries in the world. About 60 million people — roughly half the population are believed to live below the poverty line, defined nowadays by calorie intake rather than income.

Of these, about 30 million consume fewer than 1,800 calories a day, about the amount you would eat if you were trying to lose veight, and an impossibility given the intensely fat-tening semal, a custard with vermicelli, and the other sweets that are compulsory on Eid.

Everybody joins in as best they can, not least cun-ning shopkeepers who raise their prices. For the rich, it means 10,000 taka (£160) saris and 22-carat gold jewellery. For others, it will mean their only new set of clothes this year.

redemption in these days of greed: courtesy of zakat, a religious obligation to remember the poor. Al-though Islamic law sug-gests a 2.5 per cent dona-tion calculated on the basis of the family's income and property, in Bangladesh the devout go by the amount of jewellery their women have accumulated.

Zakat still has a powerful moral effect on the rich.

More people pay it than in-come tax, distributing largesse to poor relations, servants and employees, and the government has tried to cash in on their seasonal goodwill.

Every year the government raises a zakat fund for the poor, collecting the money at the end of Ramadan gatherings which the elite have appropriated as a networking opportunity. The money goes on medi-cines and scholarships for children, free chickens for widows, and rickshaws to

poor men. The fund is sadly low this year — only 900,000 taka (£14.750) against 1.5 mil-lion taka (£24,000) last year, a casualty of the polit-ical crisis that has left the government and opposition parties disinclined to

Sadly, not all the money is finding its way to the people who need it most. Religious custom dictates that you first help out the people around you. "People won't go out and find a man starving on the street.' says Mr Mahmud.

Still, some of the benefits of a massive surge in spending — fuelled by a custom-ary bonus of one-month's salary - do trickle down. "It definitely has a transfer effect. At least for the next month or two, poor people will be better off because of the income flow," Mr Mah-



# A union that man may put asunder

#### Commentary

#### John Gray

■E ARE nearing a turning point in Europe. The core of economic and monetary union (Emu) has always been the plan for a single cur-rency, a plan that looks increasingly likely to founder. The consequences of such a failure are incalculable. Yet they are only a long shadow cast by irreparable flaws in

The crux in European affairs shows Emu to be a pro-ject that belongs in the era before communism collapsed and Germany was unified. In the world into which we are moving, it is neither achievable nor desirable. As yet, opinion in Britain remains divided between Europhoblic nationalists and backward-looking Euro-federalists. We have hardly begun to think communists gain ground in billity and fiscal orthodoxy.

It from political but a lighty unstable balance accountability.

Moreover, the criteria of nation states, it is because the convergence for membership of Emu laid down in the may try to establish a single currency themselves.

tutions after the single cur-rency, and with it the prospect of a transnational European state. The key political fact is that a single currency has continent wide deflationary consequences which cannot be democrati-cally legitimated. In both of the countries that

are most unswervingly committed to integration support for a single currency is crum-bling fast. In France, echoes of the strikes against the wel-fare cuts required under the budgetary terms for joining the single currency are reso-nating throughout political life. In Germany, both the Social Democrats, and power ful elements within the Chris tian Democrats, are respond-ing to mounting public anxieties about the economic costs of Emu.

Contrary to the claim Dr Genscher makes (below) that it is orientated towards the future, the project of a federal Europe is a creature of the past. It is incompatible with the goal of enlarging the EU to incorporate the states of post-communist Europe. It

how to build European insti-! the Russian presidential elec-

In the post-cold-war envi-ronment of intensified global competition, it is more than doubtful if the deflationary policies, which are precondi-tions of Emu, are sustainable even in the countries that are its core supporters. The likeli-hood must be that the project will run aground on these

British opinion is ill-pre-

pared for these developments. Among pro-Europeans there is an inability to perceive that Emu's current difficulties arise from its inherently un-democratic character. They fail to grasp that, for its neoliberal supporters throughout continental Europe, it is the fact that Emu puts fiscal and monetary policy beyond any kind of political control that is its chief merit. All versions of Free environment and independent of the control of Emu envisage an indepen-dent European central bank, modelled on the Bundesbank. whose constitution insulates it from political political

Christian democracy have been in the past committed. The idea that the "demo-

cratic deficit" in European in-stitutions can be filled, when the whole trend of European institutions over the past decade has been to remove eco-nomic policy from democratic accountability, is an illusion. It is ironic that British social democrats and one-nation Tories, who are staunch in their defence of the European cause against the xenophobe of the right, should fail to grasp that, at least since the Maastricht Treaty, European institutions have embodied not the ideals of Monnet but the new right vision of Hayek.

The Government hopes that, if Emu falls, Europe will remain much as it is. Thatcherites hope that it will col-lapse into being a simple trade agreement. Such hopes are equally groundless. Even if it were represented as a merely technical adjustment. a postponement of the 1999 deadline for the single currency could have irreversible

The constraints which at present inhibit countries tempted to do so from competitively devaluing their currenctes might well be severely weakened — thereby burdening Germany with an even more over-valued cur-rency. The result would not be a sustainable status quo, but a highly unstable balance

not the objective of full employment to which continental social democrats and ferred strategy of France and Germany is to meet the 1999

> countries such as Spain. Sweden and Italy may be unwilling, or unable, to submit their economies to this deflationary regime. A single currency from which major European countries are ex-cluded is not a step towards political union. It is an admission that political union is unachievable.

The risk of the period of in-stability we are entering is that European institutions will unravel until Europe is little more than a custon union. A credible post-feder-alist project must see Europe as far more than that. It must be ready to think how the diverse forms of capitalism that themselves in competition with the rival capitalisms of America and east Asia.

The task of the age is to

combine the permanent revo-lution of the market with the satisfaction of enduring human needs. American individualist capitalism, despite its technological virtuosity, has failed in this task. The challenge for Europe is to de-vise ways of protecting its economies from such forms of in Bosnia of a woman bomb capitalism which achieve disposal expert suggest that their prodigious productivity through the sacrifice of social

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# Search for deadline and present the rest of Europe with a fait accombil. If they do this, however, they risk making Europe's existing political divisions unbridgeable and permanent. Not only Britain, but also Inside of US



Ros Coward

■ INDING heroes is a pop-ular British pastime. The tabloids search for them in all disasters or cele-brate everyday heroism of brave children. Recently, they have begun to tap a new vein - heroines. This is not always straightforward.

Alison Hargreaves's death on K2 provoked ambivalence; as a mother she had no right to take risks with a life on which others depended. Since then. Fleur Lombard's death fire-fighting and the activities as long as they are young and single, women are now entering this last male preserve. We search for heroes but we are no longer sure what we are looking for. Risk-taking, strength-based, male heroism

has for some time seemed anachronistic. Our culture tends to deride rather than glorify militarism, where he-roic values might have some place. Nor do current male working practices call for beroic acts of endurance and strength. Feminism made male heroism seem at best faintly ludicrous, at worse po-

tentially threatening.
Risk-taking heroism has increasingly been replaced by stress-bearing heroism.
Women have aiready been performing well in this area.
Combining work and family was made to look like the heroic project of the eighties. Men's churlishness only made women look better. The more women had to do-it-all to haveit-all, the more heroic their

labours seemed.
The eighties was the decade of Superwoman. Adverts showed her, power-suited, kissing her house-husband goodbye, or returning from work to assume control over a household of male incompetents. Even now these images persist and not without effect girls are reported to have much more self-esteem and optimism than boys. But women themselves

were reluctant to play the stress-bearing heroine. Shir-ley Conran denounced Superwoman, her own creation, as oppressive. And many women point out that having it all did, of course, include having the

By contrast, there's evidence of male anxiety to hang onto their heroic space. "Calebrities" and pop stars describe their gruelling schedules and Stakonovite labours, appropriating somewhat obscenely the heroism of hard physical ideal for the male body - fash-

bizarre parody of the hero, produced by leisure not labour. Last week saw the publication of Sperm Wars, in which Dr Robin Baker describes battles of the ejaculate ("magnificent, sleek, athletic") in Homeric terms. Presumably, the male warrior survives in the body if

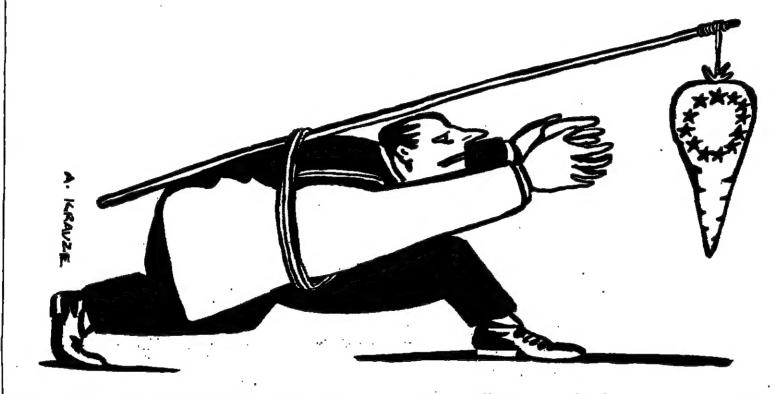
According to Robert Bly. guru of the American men's movement, retrieving heroism is vital to the recovery of men. is vital to the recovery of men.
Contemporary men are unhappy because they are "soft",
cut off from positive male energy — resolve, decisiveness and quickness. Men need to get in touch with these attributes by owning their instinctive side, the infamous "hairy man within". Heroism is vital in this journey to separate. in this journey to separate, strong male identity.

Bly insists he is not anti-women in spite of his obvious fear of the suffocating mother. But this nostalgia for male more reactionary expression. Promise Keepers, which in 1995 boasted 280,000 members, is an American Christian men's movement aiming to restore male leadership. Members pledge themselves to physical and spiritual purity, and to create an environment of "godly masculinity".

N spite of all this virile noise, the contemporary male hero remains, like Christopher Reeve, a super-man in a wheelchair, what Jungians would doubtless call "a wounded hero". Most men simply laugh at Peugeot's new advert, which uses cliched images of male heroism set to the music of Search For The Hero Inside Of You. The policeman chosen by the tab-loids as the hero of the Docklands bombing politely de-clined the position: "I've done nothing herolc, he said, "I'm just the one who made the checks on the vehicle and who has a very scratched face." Even the murdered headteacher, Philip Lawrence, was celebrated last week as a gentle father not a warrior

The best exposition of this contemporary state of male heroism can be found in the nineties TV version of Superman. His heroism is presented as a sort of workabolism, which spoils the human Kent and Lois Lane. Saving the world is secondary to the trying to own up to his

Increasingly, this is the modern image of heroism. True heroism is facing difficult emotions and the demons of the mind. It is the hemism of inner moral struggle rather than external acts, of a Philip Lawrence rather than a Lawrence of Arabia. Such emotional work, of course, has traditionally been the preserve of women. It is ironic then that the tabloids are searching for women whose beroism lies in as heroism is redelined in ioned by workouts — is like a | more feminine terms.



Hans-Dietrich Genscher continues our series leading up to the inter-governmental conference with a plea for steady resolve. **John Gray** (above) is more sceptical

# Only connect

# **EUROPE**

N HIS famous work A Study Of History, the great British scholar, Arnold Toynbee, showed that a culture's survival depends on its ability to find appropriate responses to ever-new challenges. Following the second world war, Europe found a response to the devas-tating and fratricial wars of the rest and above all in this the past, and, above all, to this century's two world wars, by founding the European Communities.

A new culture of co-exis-

tence has since emerged, founded on a policy of jointly assumed responsibility. The national identities of EC member states and the diversity of Europe have not suffered as a result; rather, the policy of European integration has allowed participating nations, for the first time in their history, to realise their own iden-tities without living in fear of one another.

Today, more than five years after the end of the East West conflict. Europe faces challenges which demand new and innovative answers. The terrible conflict in the former Yugoslavia is only the most ex-treme proof that the demons of nationalism in Europe have in no way yet been banished. Only a determined continuation of the policy of European integration can counteract the danger of a new nationalism. In this spirit, following the end of the cold war and the overcoming of the division of Germany and Europe, the Maastricht Treaty sought, by creating the European Union, to prevent, on an enduring basis, the renationalisation of

under-development, mass mi-gration, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. international crime and terrorism, the threat to the very basis of natural life — all European states are affected by these, Irrespective of their geographical location. No country on its own can find an effective answer to these problems, let alone carry through an appropriate policy.

The irresistible trend

towards a political and eco-nomic globalisation is mani-fest in the dynamic rise of new power centres, such as the North American Free Trade Area, Apec or the Asean group increasingly, the glob-alisation of markets is restricting the scope for national action. Conventional models of thought and action, therefore, are no longer of any help. The peoples of Europe will be able to assert their place in a world and an age of ever-tougher global competi-

The survival of a culture depends on its ability to find responses

to new challenges

tion — and guarantee eco-nomic growth and jobs — only if they combine their resources and act together. There is, therefore, no realistic and viable alternative to the European Union. Even so, the EU - now numbering 15 members, and set to grow further in the coming years - must adapt its institutions to these changed circumstances if, in future, it wishes to remain capable of effective action. This is the basis, the renationalisation of task of the Inter-Governmen-European politics. It is all the tal Conference, which will more urgent that we pool our resources and achieve a comcommence its review of the Maastricht Treaty in March. mon perception of our interests since, now that the cold The democratic legitimacy and efficiency of these Eurowar is over, we face new pean institutions must be imglobal challenges. And for proved. At the same time, the will only be fully unleashed these challenges, there are no "British" or "German" solu- ent common foreign and secu- single market in the world

Only in this way can Europe, together with its most important partners, the US and Japan, help to shape the construction of a new and stable world order and act in future as an anchor of stabilpeace in the whole of Europe, including Russia and the other successor states of the Soviet Union.

This also presumes a strengthening of the defence and security dimensions of the EU. Here, the integration of the Western European Union (WEU) into the EU as not long become obsolete the European pillar of an enthrough the globalisation of fiduringly indispensable Nato nancial markets. On the con-will be of crucial importance. trary, a fully-fledged monetary EU citizens also expect pro-gress in dealing with urgent questions of justice and homeaffairs policy, such as asylum policy and the fight against crime. Nobody, however, is seeking

a form of bureaucratic central-ism at European level. Rather, the EU's further development must go hand in hand with a determined policy of deregula-tion and the removal of excessive red tape. Therefore, as al-ready foreseen in the Maastricht Treaty, the EU should in future only act if a problem can no longer be solved at national level and if, therefore, the EU is better placed to do so.

Alongside the development of EU institutions, the achievement of monetary union on January 1, 1999 is of supreme importance for the prosperity and economic stability in Europe. Quite rightly, the European heads of state and governments reaffirmed at their Madrid summit the Maastricht Treaty's binding provisions on the timetable and criteria for introducing a common European currency,

thereby creating absolute clarity on this issue Only with the introduction of a common European currency will the European single market be completed. The potential for growth inberent in this single market

tions — only European rity policy — be rendered solutions. Capable of effectively pursuing of 14 different currencies, and the concomitant transaction costs of tens of billions of pounds each year, as well as numerous other proble

Our export industries are more severely hit by exchange-rate fluctuations among the European currencles than by those of the dollar or the yen. A single European currency, by contrast, will create a secure costing basis for European industry and for our partners worldwide. The completion of monetary

union will not remove any national competence in shap-ing monetary policy that has union will only strengthen the global significance of the EU as a financial market. And this will provide the market economy in Europe with a further powerful boost for

However, this assumes that monetary union will be a gen-

Europeans can assert their place in a changing world only by acting together

uine "community of stabil-ity". A central task for the council and the commission will, therefore, be to ensure long-term safeguarding of that once monetary union has been completed, participating countries continue to pursue stability-oriented budgetary policies, in line with the procedures envisaged in the

Maastricht Treaty.
The treaty's convergence criteria have already led to a race among EU member states to achieve greater monetary and budgetary stability. And thanks to the resolute policy of John Major, Great Britain already has a good chance of meeting the preconditions for entry to monetary union on January 1, 1999. It would, therefore, be disastrous if this race for stability — which lies in all our interests — were to

be jeopardised by talk of post poning monetary union or softening the criteria.

Although the East-West con-flict has come to an end, Europe is still marked by a dividing line in terms of prosperity and stability running along the current EU's eastern and south-eastern border. The enlargement of the EU as a zone of stability is, therefore crucial to stability and secu-rity in the whole of Europe Both can be achieved only if democracy and the market economy are irreversibly an-chored in the states of central

and south-eastern Europe. The Madrid summit's commitment to decide by the end of 1997 on commencing negotiations with a first group of associated states from central and south-eastern Europe was, therefore, an importan signal. It will strengthen these countries' resolve in pressing ahead with the process of po htical and economic transfor-mation. At the same time, in the interests of pan-European stability, it is important to deepen relations with Russia, the Ukraine and other ex-

oviet states. On the threshold of the 21st century, Europe faces momen-tous decisions. With the end of the cold war, Europe's peoples have a great opportunity to safeguard peace and prosper-ity. Britain, with its world-wide links and its experienced diplomacy, its commitment to international free trade and its great parliamentary tradition, makes an indispensable contribution to Europe's

identity.
From the outset, therefore, the Federal Republic of Germany fought for the UK's membership of the EC and thereafter has always sought to ensure that all EC decisions are taken with Britain. A European Union which, in its very diversity, can give for-ward-looking answers to common challenges is a guarantor of long-lasting peace and pros perity for our peoples.

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# Gaiety

wrote "I'll see you Spring breaks through again" in Bitter Sweet with Evelyn Laye in mind. Although, due to one great emotional trauma in her life, she almost never sang the song, it became her signature tune and an expression of her personal philosophy. Death, which has come to her at the age of 95, was an eventuality she never feared. A firm believer in reincarnation, she used to say: "I was alive thousands of years ago. I am alive now, and will be alive millions of years ahead in some form or

Despite the profusion of female talent that illuminated the London theatre between the wars. Laye's claim to the title of Britain's greatest mu-sical leading lady of the century is strong. Her rival in love, Jessie Matthews, was more alluring: Gertrude Lawrence more mondaine Dorothy Dickson arguably more beautiful; and Anna Neagle

Yet Laye's astonishing career. lasting almost 80 years, eclipses all contenders. She ran the gamut of 20th-century entertainment, from operetta to pantomime, Shaw to farce, silent cinema to compact disc. And through it all, as Alan Melville once ob-served, she remained, even in old age, "the epitome of that often-sought but over cultivated thing called glamour".

A quintessential child of the stage, Elsie Evelyn Lay—

her father added an 'e' to the family name for the billboards — was born in theatrical lodgings at 8 Bloomsbury Place, London. She was the only child of an impoverished small-part actor, stage man-ager and occasional composer, Gilbert Laye (who later ran the Palace Pier Theatre. Brighton), and his wife. Evelyn Froud, who became a popular pantomime principal boy under the stage name

No friend ever called her Evelyn. still less Elsie. "Boo", adopted by her family and passed into the theatrical folklore when she became a

Defying parental opposi-tion, she made her stage debut aged four at the Pleastone. Her professional debut came at 15, at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, when she earned 25 shillings a week playing a mute Chinese servant, Nang-Ping, in a touring production of Mr Wu. At 17, she became a Gaiety Girl. taking over a supporting role in The Beauty Spot at the West End's mecca of musical comedy, the Galety Theatre. There, two years later, she scored her first major success in a revival of The Shop Girl, in which, backed by a chorus of real-life Guardsmen, she marched across the stage, swinging a mace and singing.
"Here Comes the Guards Bri-

gade". Stardom arrived four years later, at the age of 23, when she captivated London in the title-role of The Merry Widow, and then played the all-powerful mistress of Louis XV of France in a lavish operetta, Madame Pompadour.

With her halo of golden hair, huge blue eyes and a personality that veered from roguishness to regality, Laye was the reigning beauty of the London stage. Fans mobbed the Catholic church of St James's, Spanish Place, in 1926, when she married the young revue actor, Sonnie Hale. Within a year, her face

Coward | Navy, and her marriage was Il see you | in crisis. Hale complained she was never at home and was later to say be found her sexually frigid. The vivacious, dark-eyed Jessie Matthews played opposite him in Rod-gers and Hart's West End revue, One Damn Thing After Another, in which she sang, "I took one look at you that's all I meant to do, but then my heart stood still". Matthews, also unhappily married, took more than one look.

In 1928, Hale and Matthews were teamed again in Noel Coward's revue, This Year Of Grace Lave, visiting Hale during rehearsals, found him holding Matthewa's hand. "Are you two in love?" she asked them. Both denied it, covered sexually explicit let-ters, written by Matthews to Hale, which established that they were already lovers.
Laye, "shaken with baired for
Jessie", but recognizing that
Hale was afraid of losing, in
Matthews, the love of his life, home. In tears, pacing the street outside her husband's their films, bigger at the box flat, and seeing Matthews's office. removed her hat-pin and plunged it into all four tyres.

In April 1929, Laye starred at Drury Lane Theatre in Sig-mund Romberg's musical. The New Moon. Her principal song had a cruel irony: Lover, Come Back To Me. Hale, far from returning to her, had just opened with Matthews in their third hit together, Cole Porter's Wake Up And Dream, in which they sang, "Let's do it, let's fall in love". Noel Coward now offered Laye the lead in his new oper-etta. Bitter Sweet, but it was to be presented by Charles B Cochran, the impresario who had teamed Matthews and Hale in three revues. 'Td rather scrub floors than work for him again," Laye told. Coward bitterly, and rejected the role. Bitter Sweet opened in London without her. "After seeing a matinee," she later admitted, "I could have kicked myself all the way down Piccadilly. I recognised it as the part of a lifetime." Apologising to Coward and Cochran, she signed to play Bitter Sweet on Broadway, where her performance elec-trified the first night audi-ence and New York critics, one of whom hailed her as

Samuel Goldwyn at once ofand while she was in Hollywood, filming One Heavenly Night, her divorce action against her husband was heard in London. The judge, Sir Maurice Hill, described Hale as "a cad", and added:
"The woman Matthews writes letters which show her to be a person of an odious mind." Matthews collapsed in court and the resultant scan-dal was headline news all

"the fairest prima donna this

side of Heaven".

ATTHEWS married Hale in 1931, and went on to be-come the British film industry's top boxoffice star. At the peak of her popularity, her studio, Gau-mont British, nervously enquired if she minded Laye filming on the same lot. "Of course not," she replied. They occupied adjoining dressing rooms and in front dressing rooms, and in front of the film crew and extras, the two great stars acknowledged each other with con-ventional civility. In 1942, on the night Hale left Matthews to run off with their adopted daughter's nanny, Laye found herself on the same bill Coliseum, and invited her to her dressing room for a cup had been transferred, less her dressing room for a cup than photogenically, to the cinoma screen in her first silent film, The Luck Of The flicted on her pride. Observ-



Evelyn Laye . . . Britain's greatest leading lady of the century brought glamour incarnate to a series of hit musicals

ing Matthews on stage many | nie Hale always depicted her | ciently in awe of her 10 years | affair with the audience". Beyears later in the plumpness of middle age, Laye said ac-idly: "Poor Jessie! The dear little books have become

Laye's Hollywood debut was not a success. The beauty that dazzled theatregoers photographed unflat-teringly, and she took refuge in what one of her British film directors, Victor Seville, unkindly called the manner of "a half-arsed grande dame". Back on the London stage in 1932, she played Helen of Troy in Helen!, in which the Austrian actormanager Max Reinhardt described her as "that rare and Holy Trinity of the stage - 2 great singer, a great actress, en contract, and a great beauty." Three as in Holly-British film musicals followed — Princess Charming, Waltz Time, Evensong — be-fore a second Hollywood failure, opposite Ramon Novarro in The Night Is Young, for which Sigmund Romberg wrote another of her hits, When I Grow Too Old To Dream.

In 1934, against the wishes actor, Frank Lawton, who had been in her life for six years. The marriage endured until his death in 1969 and is usually projected as an un-blemished love story, though his chronic drinking, result ing in cirrhosis, caused her profound anxiety, and she again had to face the indig-nity of a husband who obsessively pursued other wome Sex never seems to have stood high in her own prioritles, though Ronald Colman and Clark Gable were among her lovers during the Holly-

wood years. Not everyone loved her heavily-schooled lyric soprano, though it proved equal to partnering Richard Tauber in Paganini in 1937. London's leading critic James Agate, once described her singing as "a very strenuous and highly orga-nised affair" and "not linnet-like". Impersonators like Florence Desmond and Binas singing flat.
She was surprisingly at home in Cochran's 1949

revue, Lights Up, in which she struck a new note of suggestive low comedy with the song, All Through A Glass Of Champagne. During the war she won the admiration of George VI and Queen Eliza-beth by leading the first concert troupe ever to entertain the naval forces at Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands. One of the great panto-mime principal boys, she made a superb Prince Charming in Cinderella at the Paladium in 1948. As she turned 50, however, her career declined. She and Lawton toured Australia and New Zealand in 1950 in Bell, Book and Candle. She audi-

ing end of her displeasure for publishing a biography of Jessie Matthews in 1974. When Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber announced his intention of filming Matthews's life, with an actress playing Laye in her youth, she denounced the project and threatened to sue him. Her last West End musical was Phil The Fluter, in 1969 in which she stylishly deliv ered, in a gravelly recitative what amounted to a vocal autobiography: They Don't Make Them Like That Any More. Her final London suc-cess, in 1971, was the comedy, tioned for the lead in The No Sex, Please — We're Brit-King And I, but was passed ish, in which Michael Craw-over. Reduced to touring in ford demanded, and received.

later to pale visibly on hear-ing that she was to take over

from Dame Anna Nesgle as his co-star in Charlie Girl.

I myself was on the receiv-

When she played Helen of Troy, the actor-manager Max Reinhardt described her as 'That rare and Holy of Louis B Mayer, head of MGM. she married British Trinity of the stage — a great singer, a great actress, and a great beauty'

> 12-nightly variety, she was | first billing. She was created boost off the stage in tears in | a Commander of the British Belfast, and then accepted the relatively small role of Mrs Darling to Pat Kirkwood's Peter Pan in 1963. Her nine-year absence from musicals ended with a triumphant comeback in Wedding In Paris in 1954, On the first night, she received one of the longest ovations in theatrical history. That suc-cess brought the curtain down on her reign as a so-prano, but in 1969, she proved herself adept at comedy with a two-year West End run in The Amorous Prawn. Though generally adored in her prosion, she had a temper and could be formidable. "Never speak to a stagehand like that again in my presence," she commanded the young Derek Nimmo. He was still suffi-

Empire In 1973. There were several more films, including Say Hello To Yesterday as Jean Simmons's mother; Never Never Land, with Petula Clark, and The Woman He Loved, in 1988, as a rather too Anglicised Lady Cunard. There were also many television character roles, and in 1990, she was the subject, for the second time, of This Is Your Life.

In 1992, the director Christopher Wren brought Laye back to the stage, at the age of 92, in Charles Reading's musical compilation, Glamorous Nights At Drury Lane in which she made a nostalgic ferewell tour. Her co-star, Sheila Mathews, stood in the wings at every performance singer, born July 10, 1900; died — "to watch the magic of her February 17, 1996

hind the scenes, however, there was anxiety. Increasingly deaf and frequently dis-orientated, Laye was guided through this final triumph by the skill and tact of her pia-nist and musical director, John Dalby, who prompted her almost invisibly. Two weeks after her 92nd birthday, more than a 100 stars, led by Sir John Mills, ap-peared with her in a gala tribute at the London Palla-

became a patient at St George's Nursing Home, Pim-lico, where another great beauty of the 1930s, Margaret Duchess of Argyll, already resided. It was at St George's that Laye filmed her last te vision appearance, for Pat Kirkwood's This Is Your Life, acreened in July 1994. In 1995, the Queen Mother, a lifelong admirer, wrote to John Major to suggest that Laye be created a Dame but the request came too late.

Cocooned in her palatial four-room suite, all this passed Boo by. She still played her piano every day, signed the letters, and fan pictures brought by her de-voted secretary, Mary-Jane Burcher, and retained a touching power to charm her nurses and visitors. Her invariable parting words to friends were the German, Auf wiedersehen. "I'll see you again" she would add, echoing Coward's song. She had complete confidence in the indestructibility of the human spirit. I hope she was right. I can think of no one I would prefer to meet again in my next incarnation.

**Michael Thornton** Elsie Evelyn Laye, actress at Pat Brown

# Power in the golden state

AT BROWN, who has | tried to change the law. In the died aged 90, nearly saved his country from one of its worst political traumas. It was his 1962 re-election as governor of California that sparked his defeated opponent to snarl to reporters "You won't have Richard Nixon to kick around any more."

Though national history turned out rather differently America's largest state is still benefiting from the vast public works carried out during Brown's six years in office.
Water has been the key to
power and prosperity in California from its earliest days. Brown, only the second Democrat to occupy the gover-nor's mansion this century, cut through the myriad prilistribution to ensure fair shares for all.

At a cost of \$3,000 million the state constructed 16 dams, 18 pumping stations, a 450mile aqueduct, and countles pipelines to carry 2,000 millions gallons a day from the northern flood plains to the semi-arid south. For nearly three decades the project has generated vast industrial and agricultural development. Brown, who got his law

degree at evening classes, initially sought political office in 1928 as a Republican. He switched parties after the election of President Franklin Roosevelt, but had to wait 10 years before becoming district electrons of Sep Franklin. trict attorney of San Francisco. His growing reputation in that position saw him voted State Attorney General in 1950 - the only Democrat to win state-wide office that

His eight years in that job established a firm basis from which to launch his 1958 bid for the governorship. He was an old-style campaigner, with a rotund figure and grand-fatherly air, who enjoyed joining crowds of voters to alap backs and swap jokes. It served him well, giving him a majority of a million votes over his Republican

His election was against the national trend. Though Senator Joseph McCarthy had just died, his legacy of manic antitribute at the London Palladium, and her friend, Pat communism was sustained by Such organisations as the version of Irving Berlin's showbusiness anthem, with lyrics that began: "There's no lady like that lady like no lady like that lady like no lady I know..."

Three months later, Laye broke her hip in a fall at her Marylebone flat. In 1993, she hecame a natient at St Carri Chesconar, a ranget who

Caryl Chessman, a rapist who became an international cause câlèbre after years on death row, was finally due for execution. Unexpectedly, Brown born April 2 granted him a stay while he ary 16, 1996

face of a storm of local prote the legislature refused and Brown then authorised Chessman's death in the gas His explanation for this, and the other 42 executions he authorised, was he was

obliged to unhold the law but he paid a high political price, being widely derided for his apparent indecision. For a time he found himself boosd at all his public appearances. In spite of this, he defeated Richard Nixon, the apparent front-rumer, by 300,000 votes in the re-election campaign of 1962. His dynamic revitalisation of the local economy was unquestionably the major fac-tor. In addition to his wast water projects he had estab-lished the feature for which the state is best-known around the world, its andless ribbons of six-lane highways. But the Watts race riots of 1965, in which 34 people died,

200 local businesses were wiped out, and 500 blocks of Los Angeles suffered



Brown: California governor

brought a sharp reaction against Brown's sort of liber-alism. He also suffered from the growing protest against the Visinam war which cre-ated a backlash among what has always been an essentially conservative electorate. His bid for a third term was

successfully opposed by a Hollywood trade union le with a growing reputation as the coming man of the Repub-lican right — Ronald Resgan. Although he had left politi-cal office, Brown remained in the public eye, returning to his law practice and making frequent public appearances. He is survived by his wife,

Bernice, a son Jerry, who suc-ceeded Reagan to the gover-norship, and a daughter, Kath-

Edmund G Brown, politician, born April 21, 1905; died Febru-

#### **Another Day**

February 19, 1923: How it would interest me if this diary were ever to become a real diary: but then I should have to speak of the soul, and did I not banish the soul when did i not banish the soul when I began? What happens is, as usual, that I'm going to write about the soul and life breaks in ... We had a surprise visit from the Nicolsons. She [Vita] is a protoconced Sapphist, and may, thinks Ethel Sands, have her eye on me, old though I am. Harold is simple downright bluff was a short downright bluff; wears short black cost and check trousers; wishes to be a writer, but is not I'm told and can believe, adapted by nature. Soul, you see, is framing all these judgments, and saying, this is not to my liking, this is second rate, this vulgar, this nice, sincere and so on. My soul diminished, alas, as the evening wore on.

A Moment's Liberty. The

#### Birthdays

Prince Andrew, Duke of York, 36; Maj-Gen Peter Baldwin, chief executive, Radio Authority, 69; Sir Nicholas Fenn, retiring High Commissioner to India, 60; Lord Forbes, premier Lord of Scotland, 78; Hana Mandil-kova, tennis player, 34; Keith Mans, Conservative MP, 50; Prof Bernard Meadows, sculptor, 81; Erin Pizzey, champion of battered wives. champton of battared wives, 57; Peter Price, Conservative MEP, 54; Smokey Robinson, singer, 56; Erin Shapiro, writer and campaigner, 57; Gwen Taylor, actress, 57; Brian Tesler, former deputy chairman, London Weekend Television, 67.

#### Engagements

### Jackdaw



#### Ashes to ashes

**BOTH Love and Cobain were** intermittent Buddhists...So the shotgun violence of Cohain's spicide laid down some tury had karma. Love decided. to do something about it. She knew of Namgyal through her interest in Tibetan Buddhism. She contacted the monks, and they referred her to Losang Chogyen (aka Pema), a founding member of the monastery who was living in New York City. On a trip east in the weeks after her husband's death, Love met Pema, a diminutive young man with a wide face and a smile jammed with white teeth . . . Love later told Pema that at the airport,

while she was going through security, an officer had opened [her] teddy-bear knap-sack. "What's this?" he asked, as puffs of dusty ash flew up and out of the knapsack, toward the airport's ventilation system. "That's my

Courtney Love spent almost two weeks in Ithaca [at the Buddhist monastery], tending to her late husband's passage into the next life . . . In the lowkey way of the place, she has entered the local lore, and the townspeople didn't seem to know whether to take up torches or join up with her and

learn a thing or two. The few people outside the monastery who knew about Cobain's ashes developed their own theories about their whereabouts. They'd been tossed into the lake. They were sitting in Baggsies on a coffee table. They'd been mixed with butter and used in a butter sculpture at the monastery . . Every morning, Love had sessions with the monks during which they chanted and prayed and conducted ceremonies as part of the ritual conse-cration of the ashes. The teddy

bear was opened, and the monks emptied the ashes and the wedding dress on to a table ... As they shook out the dress, some of the ashes drifted up into the air. "We all

inhaled a little bit of Kurt that day," says someone who was there. The ashes were brushed into a container and put on to the altar at the mon-astery . . . In August, Love was down in Atlanta, having what someone who was there described as "um . . . surgery". She set up her altar at the hotel where she was recover-ing. "Watch it," she said to the

cleaning staff. "My husband's shes are in there," The following month, Courtney and Cobain's remaining ashes went on tour with her band Hole. They played 40 gigs. From Kurt Cobain's Final Tour by Amy Dickinson in the US edition of Esquire.

#### Clubland

MY DEAR Sir/Madam, I write for details of become ing a member of your club. I have been driving since shortly after the war and am

now in possession of an old

Anglia. I am, or should I say was, a member of the Auto-mobile Association, but despite their claim to having very nice men". I have al ways found them to be shifty in the extreme and often in possession of a pair of eyes which are too close together

for comfort.
Consequently, I would like
to "defect" and understand
that you have rather jolly facilities there where I may come and swim. Could you therefore let me know the de-tails of membership?

Do I need to be proposed? If so, I have a great-niece in Ul-lapool who drives something blue and Japanese and is a badge-holding member . . . Please respond as swiftly as possible, as I am currently sans cover. Yours sincerely, Doris Blow (Mrs)

DEAR MIT Blow, Thank you for your recent

letter ... regarding RAC membership. I regret the ob-vious confusion that there appears to be ... RAC o no-holds barred Association membership truthfulness

breakdown service and the levels of service available are outlined in the literature recently sent to you. Asso-clate membership does not give the member any entitle-ment to the RAC clubhouse. The Royal Automobile Club, based at Pall Mall, is a "gentleman only" club. Member ship is hy inviatation only and must be proposed and seconded by existing mem-

bers. The current enrolment fee is £567.00 per amoun. I trust that the matter has now been clarified but do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of any assistance regarding RAC Motoring Services.

Yours sincerely Lynne Crawford (Mrs) The anti-fashion magazine Blow has some fun at the expense of the RAC.

#### **Book life**

Readers are interested in: real lives real traumas • real dysfunctionalities What I need to include: • opening shocker • mean relatives (make sure they're dead - so can't description of depressing childbood home major trauma Review own background. Drawbacks:

 Mom never hit me Dad never jailed, never drank too much, never pever a teenage bulimic,



Car trouble . . . Blow

anorexic or alcoholic
• never slashed wrists • never had a vicious dog that was taken away to die

shorter diary of Virginia Woolf. Hogarth, 1990.

 Mom made me wear lots of pale orange ciothes — a colour that makes me look aallow · was chronic cookie dough eater

• dog refused to take part in musical I wrote for her to star in, called "Snoozy in Peris" How confusing it is to be a professional writer. Polly Frost on the farst day of her 10th year spent on her novel "Dripping". From the New York Times.

#### This won't hurt NEXT TIME you find yourself

prostrate in the dentist's chair, there may be something to distract you - sartorially at least — from the sound of drilling, the dental hygienist's garb. An all-white shirtdress, tan tights and white Hush Pupples may conjure up the image of Micheal Caine lurking in the corridors of the psychiatric hospital in Dressed To Kill rather than

cutting-edge fashion, but designers have uncorked surgi-cal spirit this season, transporting the dental hygienist to the catwalk.

It's a lot better than it

sounds: the clothes proved that there are ways to make pristine white uniform-like dresses and doctorly lab coats look interesting — even sexy without making you look like an extra from Casualty. At the Marc Jacobs show, a white surgeon's coat took on a chic new identity in silk shanting and was partnered with a narrow black skirt and white Dr Scholl-like sandals. Clements Ribeiro took a relaxed approach to medical dressing turning up the cuffs of surgical shirtwaisters and slinging a belt around the hips.

Laura Campbell keeps a dental appointment with Vogue.

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# Tory story in a hall of mirrors



Will Hutton

AST week saw some markable statistics. Unemployment in January fell to its 2.5 per cent target for under-lying inflation in the next two years. Britain's chronic tendency towards inflation

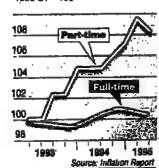
seems to be evaporating.

There is a new spring in ministerial steps, despite the shadow of the Scott report. Conservatism is obviously working, and a further interest rate cut cannot be far away. Those 15 years of labour market reforms, weakening trade unions and offering less protection to employ-ees have made workers less hawkish in their wage claims. Ken Clarke's pre-emptive interest rate rises 18 months ago showed a determination on the issue of inflation that

is now paying off. And minis-ters' loyalty to free trade and the global market has pro-duced tough competition that offers a cap to inflation. Happy days! Maybe the next election is winnable, after all. That's one prism through which to look at the world, but a closer inspection of what lies behind the figures

unmasks a much less Panglossian interpretation. Labour-market flexibility. globalisation and pre-emptive disinflation are all part of a wider story in which, put simply, capital has become vary powerful in relation to labour. We may live in disinflationary times, but the share of profits in national in-come has risen sharply while the share accruing to wages has fallen to its lowest level for 40 years. Behind the new. Rishlondble buzz words stand some very old-fashioned power relations — bringing

Hours worked Full-time and part-time employees 1993 Q1 = 100

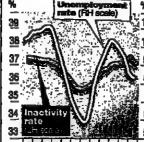


ervatives should think twice perore they cheer too loudly. For, as last week's Bank of England Inflation Report highlights, the fall in unem-ployment has not implied a rise in full-time employment or even a fall in economic in-

activity - the definition which encompasses those (mainly men) who have counted themselves out of the labour market, living on incapacity benefit, savings or early retirement income. In-stead, there has been a signifi-January fell to its stead, there has been a significant rise in part-time work and in the volume of hours per cent. Even the Bank of England acknowledged that the Government is a little more likely than not to hit its jobs, a category which now a constitutes 30 per cent of the constitutes 30 per cent of the labour market.

Nor is this well-paid work John Hughes of the Trade Union Research Unit at Ruskin College has looked at the evidence in the 1995 New Earnings Survey showing that half Britain's part-timers

#### Unemployment and inactivity



Britain's employers, in short, have over the last four years been hiring cheap part-timers who they can quickly sack if times get hard. They have largely refused to increase investment, which is still fall-ing as a proportion of GDP. What's worse for those in the bottom 10 per cent is that hourly wage-rates are actu-ally lower in 1995 than they were in 1994.

In other words, the lack of wage pressure reflects the new structure of the labour market and that in turn indicates the new capacity and desire of employers to hire low paid, pari-time and rary workers.

The story ministers like to Britain, but this is completely unwarranted by the evidence. In the first place, multina-tionals in Britain, as the OECD reported in 1994, offer more full-time, high-wage jobs than do indigenous Brit-ish employers. Second, the whole argument about globalisation is hugely overstated, as Paul Hirst and Grahame Thompson argue in their are growing signs that the payout takeovers.

new book, Globalisation in major pension funds and insurance companies are in callow dividend strategy for all vastly over the odds for Pre-

insecurity, instability and in- tables showing that multina-equality in their wake. Con- tionals still have the vast bulk of their activity in their home region. Moreover, the trend between 1987 and 1992/3 was to deglobalise, concentrating more rather than less of their activity close to home. Nor do Hirst and Thompson

detect a vast flood of invest-ment into low-wage, less developed countries. Indeed they argue that mass produc low-tech goods is very risky outside the infrastructure offered by developed countries. a view shared by the multinationals themselves. They tend to invest in a few developing countries where economic su countries where economic su-cess is proven but is largely reliant on shifting labour from low value-added agricul-ture to high value-added in-dustry, a move which cannot take place more than once. The whole story about

labour hanging as a Damo-cles' sword over western wage levels is unjustified; there is just insufficient investment in these countries by multinationals or competition from them to explain trends in the British labour market. In any case, the vast bulk of trade and investment flow is between Europe, North America and Japan with similar wage levels.

The main impact on the labour market is the per-ceived threat of multinationals and large domestic compa-nies having the option of moving production to lowcost countries. But most large companies would rather retain the threat than deliver on it and it is that threat, it is alleged by some (for example, the current NIESR Review), that may be helping reduce

This might be true in some instances, but it seems far-fetched as an explanation of the changes in employment and wage patterns across the economy. Something more profound must be going on and a glance at the busines pages shows what it is.

nited Kingdom plc is in the throes of a wave of takeovers, deals and margers that makes the 1980s look tame. In the last six announced a hostile £1.7 billion bid for giant conglomfrom its takeover or areas.

House Forte, has built up its share prices and good short term performance for institutional investors.

Dickerson, peddle is that this is a vital and United Newspapers have competitive adventage for announced a \$3 billion merger and a counter-bid is expected; Farnell Electronics has defied two leading shareholders and is to pay \$1.85
billion to take over the USbased Premier industrial Corted shareholders interacts rate of close to £300 billion. It

is staggering. More ominously still, there



Andrew Dickerson, Reather Gibson and Euclid Teakalotos from the Univeted shareholders interacts and under-investing in order poration. Bids and deals are with managers frightened of to boost short-term profits now running at an annualised takeover to produce an econo- and pay high dividends — all my which is characterised by want to be predators rather low investment, high dividend payout ratios and fremist, decent investment insti-

oes for a high dividend- l low investment strategy to nance, are helpless before the boost the share price grow by takeover, every mania and sheer greed. other company is forced to follow suit if it wants to retain its independence.

This is what is happening today. Companies are hiring low-paid, part-time workers

standards of corporate gover avalanche of boardroom ego-

But this is just another expression of contemporary power relations. We are living through a great empower-ment of capital in a very par-ticular financial system and misunderstanding the byefficient labour-market, they are the result of a system malfunction that inexorably generates low investment and low growth. Watch as the

cause it will end in tears.

# New Man faces up to parental leave dilemma

#### Worldview

Edward Balls

EW men should be-ware. Changing nap-pies, shopping and sharing the childcare with a working partner might seem enough of a burden already. according to the Institute of Directors, you also bear the responsibility for Europe's unemployment problem too.
Well, not quite. But the IOD's hysterical reaction to the proposed parental leave directive, the second piece of Social Chapter legislation, does not fall far short of such a claim. Its pamplilet, published last week and entitled Social Europe — The Implications of Current European Social Policy, claims that the Social Chapter is stifling enterprise and job creation, with the parental leave directive singled out as a particu-larly dangerous threat to

Yet, as a recent US study shows, the evidence is that countries which offer moder ate periods of parental leave do not have lower employ-ment as a result. Indeed, by making it easier for women to work and maintain their skills, the effects on income and employment are positive. The parental leave direc-

tive is actually modest compared to entitlement available in many European countries. Negotiated and agreed between European employers ber, the directive would give employees across the Euro-pean Union, save for Britain, up to three months unpaid pa-rental leave any time in a child's first eight years on top of paid maternity leave.

The agreement will now go to EU governments for approval and then be made into law in every state except the UK. But many European countries already allow em-ployees much longer periods of unpaid and even paid leave. Swedish fathers are allowed over 60 weeks of paid parental leave while German

dads can take even more.

The only countries which do not legislate for any time off work for fathers are, Ireland and Britain. Yet it is in. est proportions of women atwork, where the case for sharing the burden of childcare is

women now work, up from a third 30 years ago, and they are returning to work much earlier after childbirth. One study showed that the num-ber of women going back to work before their child's first products. Low wages do not birthday has risen from 16 presage a new Nirvana or an per cent in the 1960s to 55 per cent today; over 80 per cent of dads are directly involved in nappy changing and other practical tasks now, twice as many as in the 1950s.

employers and employees should negotiate unpaid pa-rental leave from work if they choose to do so. Yet it has not applied the same logic to maternity leave, which is required by law. For expecting companies to choose to provide leave, whether paid for mothers or unpaid for fathers define logic. fathers, defies logic.

The reason is simple, as the OECD argued in last year's Employment Outlook: if companies can choose whether to offer parental leave, then people who expect to take it will want to work for employ-ers who give it, making it prothis trively expensive for them to do so. Only by mandating that every firm must offer leave is it possible to ensure

companies cannot opt out.

The more that labour can move across national borders. the more this argument requires legislation to ensure a minimum provision is avail-able in all EU countries.

Nor does the evidence sug gest that allowing parents 14 unpaid weeks off to look after their new-born children is a threat to European jobs.

'Allowing parents 14 unpaid weeks off to look after their new-born is no threat to jobs'

The most comprehensive study was published last year by the US National Bureau of Economic Research. The authors, Christopher Ruhm and Jacqueline Teague, sur-veyed the impact of parental leave on incomes and employment in 17 developed countries between 1966 and

At first sight, the evidence appears to support the IOD's case. But when they looked more closely, they found that while entitlement to lengthy periods of parental leave depressed employment, short to moderate periods of leave ac-tually increased employment and incomes. The beneficial effects of leave were predicted by their analysis to stretch over a number of months -14 weeks was well within the employment-enhancing range. And the effect on employment was positive for both paid and unpaid leave

So the evidence suggests particularly strong. that fathers can share the Almost half of British burden of childcare in the out imposing damaging burdens on the economy. And legislation is necessary to ensure that companies have the incentive to provide leave. Yet, despite their almost certainly over-generous entitlement, only 5 per cent of Ger-man men actually use their parental leave. Legislation, by itself, is not enough to turn man into New Man. Parental leave policies in The British government Europe and North America, has argued that individual NBER Working Paper 5065.

# Left has nothing to fear Letting Gatt out from embracing EMU

#### Debate

**Dan Corry** 

F ECONOMIC policy-making is undertaken while having to look constantly over one's shoulder at how the currency markets are likely to respond, then radical policies at variance with the interest of these markets stand little chance.

Policy is likely to end up being weak on jobs, excessively tough on inflation and fiscal policy, and impelled to create a flexible, deregulated. low-tax world with resulting implications for inequality.
security and stability.
This should lead anyone

with a progressive agenda to support moves to a single European currency. But many on the left, instinctively pro-European, have started to get cold feet about EMU.

Why? There is the view that ERM failed us and therefore EMU will also do so.
What the ERM debacle
showed, though, was that a fixed but adjustable system is unlikely to work. This experience strengthens the case for US: Humphrey Ha believing that a single currency is the only way to achieve currency stability.

A more substantial worty

concerns the wisdom of giving up the ability to devalue. Touristrates— But devaluation has not got Britain that far over the years: apart from giving weak | Australia 1.875 incentives to cost control, it Austria 15.25 has often led to inflation as workers and firms try to restore real wages and profit Cyprus 0.7075 margins. Even the recent de Denmark 8.50 VALUATION — III the Alexa CIT | Finland 6.98 | Israel 4.78 | Sapoll Arabia 5.73 | US 1.5025 | Cumstances of a deep recession — seemed to give only a | Supplied by Hartlest Bank (excluding local replie and levels ababid) as at time of purposes on Friday

costs of giving up the devalua-tion option must be set trade as a consequence of reduced exchange rate uncer-

small boost to growth, with no lasting effects.

In any case, the potential federations and nations.

Security, that explain the scale of central budgets in existing federations and nations. If the left should therefore

tion option must be set be for a single currency, including a reduction in transaction costs, an increase in investment and we would want. But the control of the control o vergence conditions give a lot of room for flexibility in intainty, and lower interest rates once the markets no pretation. Are these interpretations likely to be more

devaluation.

Some fear that a single currency requires a big budget at the European level. But if the central aim is to make up for the loss of a nation's ability to devalue to offset the immediate effects of a shock that bits. devalue to offset the immediate effects of a shock that hits only that country, analysis shows that one needs only a very small budget. It is the equalising of levels of GDP per head, plus the central administration of things like social

#### Indicators

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# of Mrs T's bag

Dan Atkinson \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

WHAT a nervy week this will be for the bureaucrats and Trade Organisation, the enforcement arm of multinational big business. You don't have to be Do-

ris Stokes to predict that planeloads of expensive lawyers will be heading for some serious examination of the Gatt treaty as the WTO hunts out suitable country daring to "turn its back" on the "international trading system". Such back-turning be-

comes more likely by the day. In the US, the free-trade orthodoxy is shredded Europe's biggest economy staggers under the burden of 4 million unemployed. France, of course, never did Japan. Suddenly, the worldwide consensus be-

hind Gatt-ery and all its works looks shakier than it ble attempts at social dedid even two months ago.
All of which, you'll be In Gatt-speak, "very disturbing". In Gatt-speak, "very disturbing" marks a distant threat to free trade, who will listen that trade whereas "iragic" describes an imminent danger. "Pro-tectionism", we will hear, "has raised its ugly head."

The urge to protect is one of the most basic human in-stincts. It has taken years take them. In fact, with a of expensive propaganda for the free-trade establishment to have even a chance | we think.

of persuading the world's various populations that acting upon this instinct in the economic field is to behave in an aberrant way. The outcome of the US elections is crucial to the prospects for breaking the free-trade spell, but the

many and its satellites may come to a head more quickly. It is becoming apparent to the Continent's big cheeses that the bated Mrs T planted two time bombs inside the Union's engine room, both set to ex-plode after her departure. The first was the commit-ment to the abolition across Europe of exchange con-

course of events in Ger-

trols, the other was the commitment to free trade exemplified by the installation of Sir Leon Brittan in the Euro-commission. As was apparent to all intellitrade orthodoxy is shredded by the Buchanan election campaign. In Germany, the ERM, as they duly did in 1992/93. Now free trade — the

second bomb — is going to blow away "social Gaull-ism", "Rhenish capitalism" or whatever phrase one uses to describe continental Europe's (usually) admiramocracy.

As the backlash against

flows represent huge and unstoppable global forces, and that resistance is "fu-tile".

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#### RUGBY UNION: FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Wales 14, Scotland 16

# Scottish set to let rip after let-off by Thomas

ONE should be misled by Scotland's public breastbeating about their peragonisingly narrow victory over Wales. Rob Wainwright's all-conquering side are poised to complete a Grand Slam at England's expense at Murrayfield on Saturday week because they have the ability to tread the tightrope between rock solid defence and brilliantly impro-

England, whose morale has been deeply dented by Jack Rowell's fatuous selections, are desperate to emulate the

anisation and flair that added a Welsh scalp to those of France and Ireland. Scotland will need no motivating as they tilt at a third Slam in 12 rs but Will Carling's men have a manager they no longer want to play for and an ever-changing game plan they barely understand.

Jonathan Humphreys showed no hesitation in installing the ing in his country's seventh successive championship defeat. "Til go with Scotland," he said. "They've got a side that believe in themselves. I'm not sure England believe in what they're trying to do."

Never a man to tampt fate Telfer, the SRU director of the first and only time. rugby, chose to praise the Auld Enemy despite their obvious signs of disarray. "Eng-land have the strongest group bere. You never beat England easily and you always have to play well. Even in 1990 [when Scotland won 13-7] they had a lot of the

likely to announce an unchanged side, perhaps allow-ing the Melrose wing Logan, who replaced the injured before half-time, to remain in the team.

Rob Roy and Mel Gibson's Braveheart north of the borler proves an accurate guide. then England can expect a vitriolic reception that will put 1984 and 1990 in the shade. As Gavin Hastings, who knows a thing or two about Slams, remarked: "The next two weeks will be absolute mayhem in Scotland. Heaven knows why these Grand down to a match against England."

Such is the canny psychology of Telfer's build-up to the England game that he was not players to savour their tri-umph over Wales — only the third in Cardiff since the war. Even Wainwright, a man with independence of mind, was dragooned by Telfer into agreeing that the result had been a "let-off" on the tenu-ous basis that Arwel Thomminutes, had it been success

arned Wales a draw. However, the cold logic of the scoring pattern at Cardiff shows that for most of the time Scotland were in the driving seat: three times they took the lead and twice Wales to fail in the closing stages. It 6-8 — but only for 65 seconds until Dods landed the second

Wainwright's stout-hearted team emphasise the golden rule of modern Test rugby. that the great majority of closely contested matches are nought defences. Wales huffed and puffed powerfully and sometimes moved with no little flair. Yet it took them 79 minutes to cross the Scot-Of course, statistics can offer few clues to the passion

the game one of the most memorable at the Arms Park during the Nineties. Both sets of half-backs gave exhilarating if uneven performance with Howley and Arwel Thomas just shading their opredeemed his wayward linekicking with what proved to

and commitment which made

be the match-winning try. Wales deserved admiration, oiner before half-time, to not least because their for-emain in the team. wards, splendidly led by Nations Champlonship. If the huge popularity of Humphreys, attempted to It is true, as Telfer sug-



Single-handed . . . Gregor Townsend penetrates the Welsh defences at last to plant Scotland's try

play a more technically fluent gested, that Scotland "at game than their predatory, times played second fiddle" ling's team meetings, even if they have had six successive measured control, particularly wins over the Scots since that enables them to counterattack with remarkable directness and to transcend the

Wainwright and the under-rated Smith often secured ball to which they had no right. unpredictable skirmishing Scotland's ability to absorb pressure for lengthy periods and still get the scores that win matches will give Eng-

France 45, Ireland 10

# France finish on a high

Inn Bortirwick in Paris

■RANCE's captain Philippe Saint-André may not be the world's greatest leader on the field but he certainly has an inimitable way of talking to his team that leaves no margin for error. With French rugby currently rocked by the scandal ision players tested positive asked his team before the match to "dope themselves with simplicity" and that is exactly what they did in anni-hilating the Jeich hilating the Irish. With the defeat by Scotland

still sticking in their throats, the French decided to go back to the basics of the game and Concentrate on winning the ball and putting the opposition under pressure before performing any individual performing any materialia.
Gallic feats of glory.
Their discipline and con-

centration never wavered in the face of Irish provocation. If the fluidity of their passing, the pace of their backs and ever-present support of the ball-carrier was a delight to the eye, the efficiency with which the forwards produced clean possession was the key

s to the team after the Scotland game, the new-look Tricolors not only ran in seven tries but also produced a couple of trump cards in young players having their first Test.

Richard Castel, the flanker who cannot hold down a place in his Toulouse club side, had a storming international debut, scoring two tries, while Stephane Glas, who came on as a replacement for Thierry Lacroix in the 22nd minute, was a constant danger with the ball in hand, splitting the Irish defence wide open with his combina tion of snappy side-steps and lightning acceleration through the gap.
The record-breaking 35-

point victory was nevertheless no walkover, as the number of injured in the French camp can testify, and came only after 80 minutes of some of France's most applied and consistent rugby in several years. No doubt that is why the France coach Jean-Claude Skrela could not hide his disappointment and the realisa-tion that they had let slip their chance for a Grand Slam two weeks ago in Scotland. As for Ireland, who at least

had the merit of remaining

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even the last-minute penalty try which Niall Hogan could justifiably call his as the battling scrum-half actually scored just as referee Ed Mor-rison blew the whistle, comes as little consolation. In 960 minutes of rugby at the Parc des Princes since they first played here in 1974, this was only the second time that Ireland had crossed the French line, and they can only hope that the pitch at Paris's new ground, Le Stade de France.

will be more productive.

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**British Heart Foundation** 

# Workaholic Wainwright

Chris Hewett sees Scotland's captain play fast, loose and everywhere to win all his battles except one before the start

remembers about Scot-land's last blissfully romantic Grand Slam vic-tory over the Auld Enemy is throwing a tartan scarf high into the Edinburgh tage point on the Murray-field terraces. Six years on Jack Rowell cannot be the only Englishman wishing Wainwright had remained

a speciator.

Dream on, Jack. In just under a fortnight, when Scotland reach out once again for European rugby's be no innocent bystander. to hurl into the air this time around are sundry Englishmen with red roses

If the increasingly influential Scottish captain turns in half the performance he produced to frus-trate the fledgling Welsh in Cardiff, England could find themselves drowning their sorrows in Princes Street, just as they were forced to

HE ONE thing Rob Redpath's cajoling snappi Wainwright clearly ness at scrum-half and Gre gor Townsend's thorough bred cantering outside him it was Wainwright who laid the foundations for an Arms Park victory scarcely justified by the usual litmus tests of territory and

possession. He tackled, he drove, he piled head first into the hot-test areas of conflict and kept his vertically chal-lenged side in the hunt for primary ball by tail-gun-ming athletically at the rear of the line-out. Then, just for good measure, he tack-led come more. It was virtuoso stuff and poor Emyr Lewis, the Welsh bull given the task of marking him was blown clean out of the

Perhaps the defining ac of Wainwright's prodigious effort came 13 minutes after the break. Rowan Shepherd set up a ruck in centre field 10 metres in-side the Scottish half and his captain was there in a trice to wrestle the ball clear on the floor. Yet when do in 1990. For all Bryan Townsend switched direc-

racing 40 metres upfield, the blue No. 6 shirt was there again to drive the ball on and help win an impor-tant penalty. No other loose forward was in hollering distance and the expression of the diminutive Arwel Thomas as he confronted Wainwright in full cry was mixture of panic and

The only man to put one over Wainwright on Saturday was the French referee Joel Dumé, who ordered the Scots to line up in timehonoured fashion for their national anthem rather than sing to themselves in the crowd-proof isolation of a gridiron-style huddle.
After some unusually animated arm waving from the
captain and a Galilic shrug from the referee, the visi tors did as they were told.

"We were in no way being disrespectful to the Weish as we were always intending to line up for their authem," Wainwright explained later. "It was simply that we felt we could generate more often. could generate more atmo-sphere and derive more spirit from Flower of Scot-land by staying in the huddle. It was unfortunate, that's all. Wainwright did not lose another argum

#### Sport in brief

Craig Parry shot a two-underpar 71 for 279 in Melbourne to win the Australian Masters for the third time in five years, finishing two strokes ahead of Bradley Hughes who hogeyed the last two holes. The Open champion John

Daly was given a warning by Australasian PGA Tour officials for "poor demeanour after being denied line-ofsight advantage at the 4th. Daly had a 73 for 288.

Jimmy White, complaining of | denied the British pair.

feeling unwell, became the seventh player from the top 10 to fall in the first yound of the Sweater Shop Open. White, who arrived in Swindon at 6am following a Saturday night exhibition in Bradford, lost 5-1 to Dave Finbow. Joe Johnson, the world champion in 1986, had earlier beaten Peter Ebdon 5-4.

John Merricks and Ian Walker failed by three-quarters of a point to win the 470 World Championship at Porto Alegre in Brazil, writes Bob Fisher. A remarkable last race by the Dutch brothers

#### **Motor Cycling**

The future of grand prix racing has been secured into the next century by the signing of a ten-year multi-millionpound contract between the International Road Racing Teams' Association and the Swiss-based sports marketing company International Sport and Leisure.

The French veteran Guy Forget, without a title win since 1992, denied his Davis, Cup team-mate Cedric Poline his first victory on the ATP Your when he beat him 7-6, 6-4 in the final of the Marsaille tournament vesterday.

# Saracens meet

# Sella's price as their stock falls

IGEL WRAY's millions will enable Saracens to inveil their second signing of the year tomorrow in the veteran France centre Philippe Sella But Saracens may be living on borrowed time in League One.

Courage League One

Saracens 6, Harlequins 13

time in League One.

Three league defeats since the turn of the year and Gloucester's revival at Kingsholm on Saturday puts the north Londoners' place in the top flight in jeopardy.

With four away games and

a home match against Bath to come, their coach Mark Evans's goal of 12 points still looks distant especially with a trip to Gloucester on the

"Our destiny is still in our hands," said Evans, who will have the Ireland flanker Ed-die Halvey available for those five matches but who really needs Michael Lynagh in the No. 10 shirt immediately.

A year or two ago Harlequins may have come here, minus a couple of players still on skiing holidays; and conceded the game. Not now. The prospect of European competition and the acid tongue of their coaching director Dick No. 10 shirt immediately.

and Quins dogged it out in the Southgate mud. A tight game was decided on the hour when Saracens won quick ball from their own scrum on their 10-yard line. Andy Lee's kick was charged down by Peter Men-sah and the Quins' centre

their coaching director Dick

Best have concentrated minds

bounce to run the ball in from 40 yards. It was cruel. There were encouraging

signs for Saracens. Their young scrum-half Phil Friel. standing in for the injured captain Brian Davies, snapped away like Bryan Redpath, the latest target for nouveau riche Saracens. And the lock Craig Yandell skimmed

But for all their frantic atfinal quarter, Harlequins' defence was too well organised. Lomu mould, typified their bloody-mindedness.
Will Carling, too,

pared to get his shirt dirty for the cause, running off the field at the end gingerly holding his right hand and having to endure the agony of por ping back a dislocated finger in the dressing room. "He'll be fit for the Valen-

tine's Dance tonight," said Best afterwards. "Who's be question, neatly sidestepped. Best, who once memorably said his club had more prima donnas than the Bolshoi Ballet, has no wallflowers sitting around nowadays.

Bath 36, Wasps 12

took advantage of a lucky

### Bath's peak is sweet but short

for it; they were caught nap-ping in momentary relief. Wasps tapped 22 penalties and kicked none but were sel-F Jack Rowell wonders what he has been trying to do since taking over as Engdom in concert, running manager in 1994 he should have gone back on Sat-urday to the club be made where. They could find conso-lation from Brian Ashton. "That's the best rugby I've seen at the Rec," said Bath's coach. "We went two yards best in Britain. His move to Pwickenham looks increasingly ill-starred: from Rec to wreck, from bullyish god at Bath to all but a goner with

Bath led 14-0 after six minites, with tries from the briefly caught their breath. occasionally the ball. But Bath came with another blitz about the half-hour; two more tries in three minutes from the same quarters. It was the realisation of Rowell's dream close support work, rapid recycling, spontaneity and smart running on the right lines: in short, 15-man rugby in the

wrong colours. To compound the irony, the captain De Glanville was orchestrator, an obvious but not ostentatious influence; he will watch Carling from the bench at Murrayfield on Saturday week. And England's new blindside flanker Clarke and full-back Catt were play-ing at No. 8 and centre. Even Bath have given up trying to

follow Rowell's mind. Wasps looked a class below until Dallaglio regrouped them around himself and Scrivener. Gomarsall's solo try from a tapped penalty on the 22, after four similar efforts from five yards out had been held short, showed the degree of concentration Bath could bring to bear in

emphatic answer from the players but they were spent before half-time. The question

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but Gregory's hesitation at fly-half left the point untested.

The pace of Bath's opening was unquestioned and, after three fragmented months, un-

disadvantaged by only three competitive games in that

time. After 10 successive

league Saturdays at the start they were glad of respite. In

which meant a semi-final for Hightown against the holders Russelsheim who beat them 6-1. Russelsheim went on to win the title for the fifth time beating Berliner 7-4, while Hightown edged Valdeluz of Spain 8-6 for third place. Old Loughtonians achieved their main objective in the

men's B division in Brussels by qualifying to play in the A division next year, but they lost the B final on strokes after drawing 5-5 with Zurich Grasshoppers.
They missed far too many.

Thompson, whose late corner goal had saved them from de-feat, converted the first stroke but they lost 3-1 on penalties. The men's A division was won for the sixth time by Rot Weiss Cologne who beat Bo-hemians of Prague 10-5, At home, Hounslow came

back to form to defeat their Middlesex rivals Southgate, winning 2-1 and toppling them from the term of the did not.

the third time this winter with a 4-0 win over Trojans; Guildford, with two goals by Ian Jennings, won 3-2 at Canterbury to close up on the leaders; but Reading missed their chance, in a 1-1 draw at Surbiton. Sutton narrowly failed to

take over the top place in the

Dunwoody o

fontwell runners

time they may decide how dedicated they want to be. John Hall, Bath's director of rugby, is in no doubt. He is pressing to keep the team from their wives and girlfriends on Friday nights. Bath's explosive start was an

is, will the wives and girl-friends want them back on Saturday nights? SCORERS: Baths Triess Cawe Skeightholms, Yates, De Glanville, Nicol Conversions Callerd 4. Persetty: Callerd Wasper Tries: Gomerani, pensky try,

Hockey

#### **German offensive brings** Hightown down to earth

Pat Rowley

IGHTOWN maintained Britain's record of having won a medal in ever Women's European Indoor Championships, but the Lan-cashire side had be content with bronze after losing to the two German clubs at Brati-slava on Saturday Berliner defeated them 8-7

chances throughout the week-end and failed to capitalise on a 4-1 lead in the final. In the shoot-out Britain's Nick first two goals.

them from the top of the National League. Hounslow took their chances, Southgate Cannock went to the top for

Women's National League in Hightown's absence. They needed to win 6-0 but 5-0 over Clifton was still the season's biggest win. Mandy Davies and Jane Sixsmith scored the

#### **Cricket**

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# Tendulkar canes Kenya

ACHIN Tendulkar left-arm partner Venkata-gave Kenya's bowlers a harsh introduction but the Indian seam attack to the World Cup by hitting an unbeaten 127 to ensure a seven-wicket win for India in their opening Group A fixture in Cuttack

yesterday.
Tendulkar shared an opening stand of 163 with Ajay Jadeja. racing to his first 50 off only 48 balls as the host country cruised past Kenya's total of 199 for six with 8.1 overs to spare.

It was Tendulkar's fifth one-day century to add to the eight he has in Test cricket and he became only the third Indian after Kapil Dev and Sunil Gavaskar to score a hundred in the World Cup. India's next match is against the West Indies in Gwalior on Wednesday, a contest that will inevitably be billed as a showdown between Tandulkar and Brian Lara. Indian after Kapil Dev and

Tendulkar and Brian Lara. Yesterday, until Tendulkar launched India's reply, the Kenyans had given a credit-

able performance on their World Cup debut. Their top order all made useful contributions, headed by Steve Tikolo, who scored a composed 65 from 80 balls on a slow pitch which most batsmen found difficult to master. Tikolo and the captain Maurice Odumbe shared a third-wicket stand of 96 in 19 overs, but both men perished

on 161 and India never relinquished control again.

Anil Kumble, selected despite suffering from a virus during the week, finished

left-arm partner Venkata-pathy Raju took two for 24, but the Indian seam attack was disappointing. It scarcely mattered as Ten-dulkar and Jadeja sprinted past 50 inside 10 overs, mak-ing the most of ineffective Kenyan bowling. Tendulkar's second 50 occu-pied a more leisurely 71 deliv-

eries, but he accelerated again once past a hundred, hitting 15 fours and a six in his 134-ball innings. Jadeja also joined in the

fun, hitting the off-spirmer Odumbe for a straight six, but he eventually fell for 53, caught in the deep off the spinner Asif Karim. Both Navjot Sidhu and

Vinod Kambli went cheaply, but long before the end the Kenyan fielders wore a resigned look. Kenya now travel to Visa-khapatnam for another formi-dable challenge, this time posed by Australia.

In Baroda, New Zealand followed victory over England with an emphatic 119-run win against Holland on Saturday in their second Group B

A brisk second-wicket part-nership of 116 between Craig Spearman (68) and Stephen Fleming (66) provided the foundation of success as New Zealand amassed 307 for eight. The Dutch were then restricted to 188 for seven. Holland won the hearts of a

20,000 crowd for their fine fielding under pressure but their batsmen never looked like getting near the run rate of 6.16 an over set for victory.



Shadowlands . . . Atherton ovens out during a tentative innings in yesterday's victory over UAE in Peshawa

#### Racing

#### Dunwoody on Champion alert as Bradley misses Alderbrook homework

Chris Hawkins

DANOLI enhanced his Champion Hurdle claims during the weekend. Atours has all but scuppered his, and Graham Bradley has strained relations with Kim Bailey, the trainer of Alderbrook, who he is booked to ride in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on Thursday.

the reigning champion Alder-brook in a school for Bailey yesterday morning, but failed

main work rider, Jimmy Mc-Carthy, substituted.

Bailey, clearly annoyed, said: "I don't know why Bradley didn't show — you'd bet-ter ask him — but Alderbrook

schooled nicely."

Neither Bradley nor his agent, Graham James, was available for comment and it is possible Bailey will think again about a jockey for Alderbrook at Wincanton, although he is still hoping, of course, that the injured Norman Williamson will be fit to the race, saying: "He was very lame after exercise and at first we feared he had split a pastern, but it now looks as if he's pulled a ligament high up in his stifle.

to arrive and the stable's resume in the Champion Hurdleitself.
Another twist to the sage is

that Richard Dunwoody could been the look out for a Champion mount as a result of an injury yesterday to his pro-spective partner Atours.

David Elsworth, Atour's trainer, confirmed that the eight-year-old is doubtful for

"This is not good, but it | could be worse. That's all I can say at the moment, but it obviously puts his Champion hopes under a cloud."

While other trainers and horses are having problems, it seems as if Tom Foley and Danoli have put their worries behind them.

Danoli completed the second stage of his miracle comeback from a broken leg when making all the running under Tommy Treacy to win the Red Mills Hurdle at Gowran Park on Saturday.

A month ago Danoli re- | Hill's ante-post book on the awakened hopes that he Champion, while Alderbrook would make the Champion has been clipped to 2-1 from 9line-up when finishing third at Leopardstown after being off the course for nearly 10 months.

Now the horse, who is al-ready part of Irish folklore and ranks second only to Arkle in the popularity stakes, looks firmly on course for Cheltenham and Foley's only reservation is fast ground. Danoli, third to Alderbrook in last year's Champion, is 9-2

cond favourite from 5-1 in

has been clipped to 2-1 from 9

Treacy looks certain to keep the mount on Danoli, whose regular rider last sea son, Charlie Swan, is now contracted to ride the 7-1 chance Hotel Minella for Aiden O'Brien.

Also bracketed with Hotel Minella on the 7-1 mark are the once-raced Right Win and Mysilv. Dato Star, another with just one run over hurdles, is down to 10-1 from 12's.

4.10 Charming Gale

Rugby League

Cup, fifth round: Halifax 24, Sheffield 20

### **Bentley waits** on sentence

Paul Fitzpatrick

OHN BENTLEY will await Thursday's disci-plinary hearing with trepidation after being sent off at Thrum Hall yesterday. Any ban means he will miss next Sunday's quarter-final tie at home to Leeds, and a two-match suspension would deny him a semi-final appearance as well.

One man whose cup cam-paign has definitely ended is St John Ellis. He was carried off after only eight minutes with a suspected broken leg. sustained in an innocuousooking challenge.

Bentley's dismissal came after a breakdown of discipline which threatened to ruin the afternoon. He was dismissed for a high tackle on Lynton Stott.

But that was only part of the flare-up and Steve Presley sent Karl Harrison and Andy Hay to the sin-bin and put Mike Umaga and Mark Gamson on report. The bad blood had still not

cleared and just before the in-terval the Frenchman, Jean-Marc Garcia, was dismissed for throwing a gratuitous punch at Mark Chester, a blow which pole-axed the Halifax substitute and arguably cost Sheffield the game. Out of the ill discipline, however, emerged a contest in the best traditions of the cup. At half-time, with both sides reduced to 12 men, the scores were level at 6-6 showing how little there had been to choose

between them. Halifax's

points had come from a fine try by Bentley and a goal from Schuster to three penalties by the young Matthew Crowther.
The second half was on a different scale altogether.
First, Halifax appeared to have taken control when Andrews and Baldwin 1981. derson and Baldwin capital-ised on intense Halifax pres-

firmly in command.

But then they were reduced to 11 men when Schuster was sent to the sin-bin for deliber. Sheffield made the most of his absence.

sure. Schuster improved both tries and at 18-6 Halifax were

Price, a substitute, went over and the excellent Stott followed him six minutes later. Unhappily for the Eagles. Crowther failed to im-prove either try and by the time Schuster returned Halt-fax still led by four points.

A pulsating encounter then underwent another twist in Halifax's favour when Rowley took advantage of some slack Eagles marking and scooted clear to the posts. That gave Schuster a simple kick. Still Sheffield were not fin-ished and seven minutes

remained when Price scored his second try. Aston booted over a difficult conversion to emphasise how important those two missed chances of

those two missed chances of Crowther's had been.
Halifaxs Umaga; Benlley, Schuster, Tuilags. Ellis (Chester, Emin); Moans. Parker: Harrison, Rowley, Anderson (Ketteridge, Se; Anderson, 72) Jackson, Amone, Baltwin.
Staffield Englasz Gamson; Crowther, Stott, Carr. Garcie; Sheridan, Aston; Broadbeni (McAlificier, 78), Lawless, McAlifister (First N., 25), Hay (Hughes, 77), Hughes (Prics, N-1), Cook, Reference S Proaley (Castleford).

#### Widnes give Dewsbury no quarter

the expense of Dewsbury after a 36-16 win at Mount Pleasant yesterday. Pechey was backed up by

the Man of the Match Steve McCurrie and the scrumhalf Shane Cooper who scored two tries apiece. Widnes took the lead after 17 minutes when Pechey scored their first try which Christian Tyrer converted.

Dewsbury recovered with a fine try from Gareth Pratt | the closing stages. Peches but the visitors established | completed his hat-trick.

AHAT-TRICK of tries their superiority with fur-from the centre Mike Pechey sent Widnes into the quarter-finals of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Sil lowed up his own kick to touch down before adding the goal to reduce Widnes's half-time lead to 16-10.

> North crossed in the corner for their third try. But the powerful forward McCurrie forced his way over twice with Eaton replying with a penalty and, as Dewsbury tired in

After the break, Dewsbury closed the gap further when their wing Chris

#### Fontwell runners and riders with form

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3.00 JOHN ROCERSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE So: 27 110yd C3,528 JOHN ROCERSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE on 2f 110yds C3, 34-117 MAZZARO (35) (CD) W Terter 7-12-0 39-4(P) SPREY (35) J. Jakhus 10-11-4 37-53.1 DIAMOND POINT (25) (D) J. McConnoctae 11-11-4 3188-6 DESPERATE (45) O Sherwood 8-11-0 0-11 3188-6 DESPERATE (45) O Sherwood 8-11-0 0-11 3-12-2 CHASEG THE REGIST (30) (D) (BEY Miss A Embricos 9-10-10 1-P-PIO STEEPLE JACK (27) K BEROD 8-11-0 11-0-05P MASTER COMEDY (35) (CD) Man I. Bover 12-10-0 (55)-C RHOMAN FUN (25) R SECTOR 7-0-0

TOP FORE TIPS: Nazzare 8, Clament Fort 7, Annie Chilore 6.
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#### Alene absent

RANCOIS DOUMEN will not run Val d'Alene in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup or the Martell Grand National. His assistant, Ian Williams, said yesterday: "Val d'Alene had a long hard season in France before running in England this winter and deserves a rest now."

3.30 STREET, SOLERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP SUITCLE DE-PPEP CAPTAIN DOLFORD (26) (C) (Gasticito 8-11-10 1/F3-405 SHOWY LANE (25) J Noville 8-11-7 22-3510 ST VELLE (2) (D) R Bockler 10-11-6
113-02- REFAROUS (65-4) (D) Mark Campion 10-11-6
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(RTS-4- CHEMARAM (25) (CD) R Rows 6-11-2
130-P33 FTS NOT BY FAURT (26) (D) P Jones 6-10-6
6-U REMERCHON (43) C Mans 6-10-1
14510 KINEEF (46) R Curte 4-10-0
20-202 BR PLAYFULL (25) R Frost 6-10-0
35-223 UNREE (25) P Rodord 6-10-0
FORM TIPES Fresh Choice 8, Kts Not My Fault 7, Mr Playford 6-5-5 Fresh Choice 5-1 Fresh 6-10-10.

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3502 PRECESS HELL (25) K Babey 8-11-12
3544 ALL CLAP HANDS (25) N Babbage 8-11-8
2579 ORAFFIEL DEBROMER (25) 6 Harbood 7-11-8
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1824-245 SEMERIC CHEEF (70) R Hodges 8-11-6
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09-359 LONG REACH (41) N TWISTON-Davies 8-10-12
09-574 DUBSKY ROWER (26) Miss H Krught 7-10-12 S Heliell T J Shepby (2) W Hompkreys J Rollion A Danwoody B Powell C Linuxbyn + Mr J Calloty (7)

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4.30 FERRILLY MOVICES HORDLE (DIV I) 216 SE E2,110 \$\text{\$\text{\$Q\$ Fightham Provinces Moreous (0.07 t) 2-m of \$\text{\$Z}\$, \$150 \$
\$ Carred Bay (27) M Opto (0.17-6) \$
\$-3-400 POXTROT ROMEO (20) (2m) C Brooks 6-11-6 \$
\$\$ LAUREN'S TREASURES (22) Mr. \$ Withouts 5-11-6 \$
\$252-PP WESS COTTAGE (25) \( \text{\$Q\$}\) Mr. \$ Withouts 5-11-6 \$
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\$3-00 22M JARRO (25) \( \text{\$R}\) Brooks Dotts 6-11-1 \$
\$5-200 PARSONS (MOCK (22) \( \text{\$R}\) ROME 6-11-1 \$
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A Tory
P Hide
S McNell
B Pound +
P Holley +
D O'Sullivan
D Bridgwate

TOP PORM TIPE: Whirly 8, Pasint Rosses 7, United Front 8. Sections 5-4 Whirty, 7-2 United Front. 4-1 Fostrot Romeo, 8-1 Lauran's Tressure, Parsons Knock, 10-Weigh Cottage. Wheth Cottings. PLOCTHOT NOMED: Held up, mistake 3 out, soon meakened when 14th, bit a dist, to Landdome (Wincarion and Quid-St).

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5.00 PERRIARY MOVICES' HURBLE (DIV E) 2m Of CL,118 18/2-183 QUICENSHOPOR BELLE (288) (BF) Mais H Fidght 6-11-7
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0-10 ARRORN GOLD (7/8) 1 Webs 5-11-6
4-04 ROLD BELLOSE (288) Firsts 6-11-6
0P3- WRSE FLORIZEL (349) M Opts 7-11-6
0P3- ZTAS SORT (7/8) C Popham 6-11-6
UPP/H-0 DUNCES BOPE (285) Mais 1 Bower 9-11-1
04 PAYLOVA (84) R Rows 6-11-1 N A Fitzgers L Harwy D O'Sulbras

Rettings 6-4 Cast De Brien, 9-4 Ownerstord Belle, 5-1 Haldsmokee, 6-1 Pentons, 7-1 West Piorizel, 20-1 Zitas Curriel's Joy (Newton Abbot 2m8f, Hoy).
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● Blinkered today for the first time: FONTWELL: 4.00 Long Reach; 4.30 Zhu Jiang. SOUTHWELL: 3.50 Built For Comfort. 3.50 Moody.

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02002 COPPER COE. (32) W Turner 8-11-0
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#### Southwell (A.W. Flat)

8.20 BIT OF BOTHER (Map) 3.50 Grey Again 4.20 A 4.50 Sea God

1.50 BERNING HANDICAP (DRV T) 1= 21 E2,048

TOP FORM TUPS: Our Torn 8, Hard Love 7, Temp

dags 3-1 Hard Love, 6-2 Our Tom, 5-1 Months, 6-1 East Barre, 7-1 Tempering, Ade 2,20 HUDSON BAY MEDIAN ADCTION BADDEN STAKES OF \$2,546

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was 8, Lithe Spirit 7, Morthern Gray 5. Betting: 7-4 General Herrer, 5-2 Lithe Spirit, 3-1 Maybani, 8-2 Northern Grey, 6-1 The Word, 33-1 Ginar Girl 2.50 BALTIC CLARENG STAKES 1m 4F 22,296 T hree 2 J Carles 1 M Wighten 6 R Conbrage

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3.20 ADRIATIC MARDEN HANDICAP SYO 1 ... 12,386 401 2-422 CRESCISIO (4) M Prescrit 9-7
402 23-0422 SIT OF SOTMER (40) (SF) T Barros 9-6
403 ID-055 HEVER GOLF EAGLE (21) T Neugation 6
404 220-96 SCENECHIS (26) H Malliagned 9-11
405 ID-95 EEEN MAAS (10) S Withers 8-9
406 40-990 CONGUESTALADE (4) S Woods 8-6
407 0-005 RADMORE SRAEDY (5) N LIGHTON 7-1 TOP FORM TIPS: Creeking 8. Bit Of Rother 7.

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502 125/001- FAR.TE RO (118) J Banks 4-8-8
503 30-3821 KARMISKA (16) (ED) M CERMAN 6-4-7
504 DE200-0 BULT FOR COMPORT (14) N Babbage 4-8-8
505 50-5162 GREY AGAIN (7) (C) (BF) B Bowring 4-8-8

506 0073-40 JALMAND (17) (CD) 8 McMarton 4-9-0 507 00-4010 CABCHARRES BLUE (14) (CD) (BP) T Naughton 4-9-0 506 00-00-8 BROONY (CT) Mins Ob, Activary 4-8-1 509 306-610 YOUR MOST WELLCOME (18) 0 trench Davis 5-8-12 403305 BRODANDALLY (10) (CD) 8 Marray 1-8-5

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5 0009-51 NORLE CAMBONITIS (8) (20) 3 Bowring 4-9-0

5 -4524 SEA 600 (7) (8b sc) (20) M Caspman 5-8-0

7 004-0 ME CAMBONITIS (8) (20) Townson 4-8-13

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J Fortune 8
A Wholes (3) 8

TOP FORM TIPS: Chapse 8, See God 7, Ajder 6. Setting: 3-1 Creque, 4-1 Apter, 9-2 Museum, See God, 6-1 Noble Cenonice, Explosive Po Othe House

#### **FACUP SOCCER**

Fourth round: Shrewsbury Town 0, Liverpool 4

# Rapid Reds skin tame Shrews Kinnear's men

Stephon Biorley

N HOUR after this match, and just around the corner memorial service was held in Shrewsbury Abbey yesterday afternoon for Edith Pargeter. chronicler of the Brother Cadfael medieval whodunnits.

Of her many titles A Morbid Taste for Bones might best he said to have summed up this match. Liverpool took the lead through Collymore in the eighth minute and there-Town's skeleton was

Had this fourth-round tie been played on its original Saturday there was every chance that Liverpool would have contrived a draw, as they have done so often against lowly opposition in order to boost the Anfield

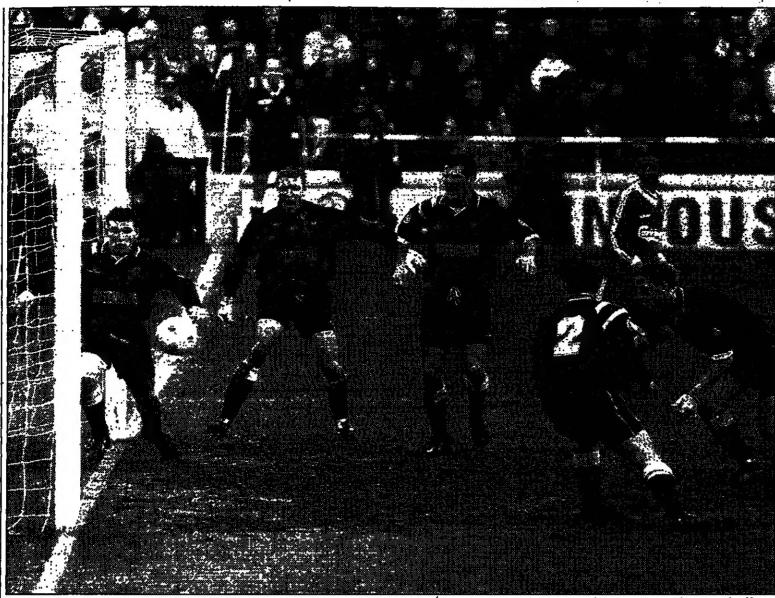
be played on Sunday had thoroughly annoyed the Premiership club and they set off, like the nearby River Sev-

Shrewsbury had managed just one inconsequential attack. Anthrobus heading wide from a cross by Woods. when Fowler and McMana-man colluded for Collymore to strike across Edwards and

taming as the maining of the Shrews, for they barely raised a squeak for the rest of a first bright skies, took on that Shropshire town's mighty river and meandered.

These days, notably in the Premiership, grounds are fre-quently a third or more empty five minutes before the kick-off with the hospitality rooms still in full swing. Gay Meadow, by contrast, was gun-barrel tight an hour before the start, with much vainglorious talk of the fate about to befall the Reds.

The management was patently less confident. Fred Davies elected for a five-man midfield, leaving Anthrobus to face messrs Wright, Scales, and Babb on his lonesome. oined Shrewsbury from But it never really hap-imbledon but is no throw-pened. Shrewsbury, laudably



Home discomfort . . . Walton of Shrewsbury, far right, bows to his fate as he puts into his own net for Liverpool's second goal

Town forced corners throughout; not once did Anthrobus threaten and, other than these set-pieces, no Collymore's early goal effec-tively killed the game off, leaving home fans and neu-

trals alike yearning for a flash of fire; a bit of old fash-

way through Liverpool's defences. Unfortunately there was no devil in their attacks. For huge chunks of the match Liverpool had matters so easy that neither Barnes nor Thomas broke sweat, leaving McManaman to chase around like some overworked, put upon servant.

Had Shrewsbury managed thoughts were largely academic, Liverpool might have

found difficulty raising their | game, for they had dropped into a this-is-easy-peasy

As it was they were gifted a second goal in the 69th minute when Walton, a self-confessed Liverpool fan, poked Babb's headar, which posed no immediate danger, beyond his own goalkeeper

Walton's mortification was to equalise, and such heightened horribly five minutes later when, with Fowler

allowed the Liverpool striker an unimpeded path to goal. By now Liverpool looked likely to score every time they attacked, particularly when McManaman had the ball, and he duly set up a fourth for McAteer. Despite the margin few left early,

Liverpool came to town.

And there was little postmatch bitterness, most

play good football but were lacking just a few players in the multi-million pound class. As in Brother Cadfael's days the gulf between the rich and was another clear example of the ever-growing schism.

Fifth round: Swindon 1, Southampton 1

## **Hard-hearted Saints full of romantic notions**

Russell Thomas

■HE LATEST demonstra tion of the Saints surviving while living dan-gerously swelled the belief along the South Coast that Southampton can make real

marks the 20th anniversary of Southampton's sole Cup tri-

erful presence. On top of that | the team currently has a But they are not a side

geared to conquering swiftly geared to conquering swirtly and in style, especially with Matthew Le Tissier remain-ing a peripheral figure. His contribution against Swindon waves in the FA Cup.

This season, after all, Day's TV highlights, even if it provided the opportunity saw that success, Lawrie home by the persevering Gor-McMenency, remains a pow-don Watson.

this tie and two contests with Crewe Southampton had captured "the romance and excitement of the FA Cup". Yet the conflict at the County Ground rarely caught fire, suggesting both clubs' ambidon's to regain First Division status, Southampton's to

Premiership survival. umph and the man who over- which was deftly headed sweetened by a good FA Cup cessful Southampton season.

McMenemy declared that in | That is not being unambi-his tie and two contests with | tious, just realistic, according | McMahon overlooked South- | to test McMenemy's view that crewe Southampton had cap-to McMenemy. "We are very | periods. "I didn't see that gulf | keeper in the Premiership much the poor relations in the Premiership," said Southampton's director of football, adding with a helping of exag-geration: "Just about every team has got substitutes who are worth more than our club. Newcastle bought somebody the other week who cost more than our annual turnover."

A battle of unequals — but then so is the FA Cup. Swindon's player-manager Steve

between the Second Division and Premiership," he said.
The sheer quality of Swindon's goal, however, supported his view, even if it was from their only meaningful.

first-half attack. A rippling movement culminated in Thorne supplying Horlock, who delivered a calm shot beyond Beasant's right hand. The 36-year-old Beasant was confronted by little else

over the last three months" Digby's defiance was finally overcome when beaten high inside his left-hand post by Watson's beaded flick.

Watson's beaded flick.
SCOREIRS: Swindon Towns Horlock
(22mig), Seethampton Watson (75).
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Magillion, Widdrington, Charlton,
Shipperley, Watson.
Referess R Hart (Darlington).

Premiership: Middlesbrough 1, Bolton Wanderers 4

## Rotten Boro lose Robson the Riverside vote

■HERE were 29,354 in the Riverside Stadium at tion of those were happy Wan-derers' fans. Twenty minutes before the final whistle. with harry's a quarter of the club. It was Boro's eighth conderers' fans. Twenty minutes before the final whistle, Mid-tilesbrough supporters began week?" chanted the gleeful

Bryan Robson's side were hu-miliated in a fitful match with eight players booked.
"Relegation has not crossed

the kick-off. By the end my mind," said Robson after place looked deserted his side had lost to the bottom



first away win of the season. "The silly mistakes that are costing us goals have got to stop," said Robson. "We stop," said Robson. "We gifted them the second and third goals with schoolboy de-

fensive errors."

He hopes that a work permit allowing the Brazilian full-back Branco to play next week will help to rectify that, but has to face two more weeks without Juninho, who is on Olympic duty with

Bolton called Boro's huff and bluff in the first 10 min-utes when Sellers and Curcic goal in nine appearances since his £1.5 million move from Sheffield United. Middlesbrough were unfortunate not to equalise when Fjortoft's deft back heel beat

the goalkeeper, but was scooped off the line by Green. Encouraged, Boro attacked and Pollock played a one-two with Fjortoft and took the return past Branagan for his first goal of the season.

But Bolton regained the lead when Coleman, a former Middlesbrough player back after a long absence with a broken leg, produced a classic header from Thompson's corcombined to produce a shot mer. Blake and Curcic then which Walsh's one-handed stop allowed Blake to sweep bination which saw De Frei-

voting with their feet as | Bolton supporters as the Lan- | in on the rebound for his first | tas score Bolton's third just Bryan Robson's side were hu- cashire side recorded their | goal in nine appearances | after the hour. Robson sent on Moore, for Whelan and O'Halloran, only to see Bolton instantly exploit the gaps. Lee, with a superb left-foot shot, scored Bolton's fourth.
"We want five," chapted

the Bolton supporters as Boro fans left in droves. They had every right to have a go at us. The players owe them a better performance than that," said Robson.

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SCORUERE Middlesbramph: Policic (Strain). Bollon Wanderwar Blake (11). Coloman (44), De Freitss (62), Lee (72). Middlesbramph: Walst; Pearson (Whyte, h-0, Victora, Whelan (Moors, 70), Morris, Cox, O'Halloran (Hendris, 70), Policic, Barmby, Hignett, Fjortoft.

Bollone Wanderware Bransgan; Green, Fairclough, Coloman, Phillips, Lee, Curcic. Sellers. Thompson: De Fristes. Blake.

Sheffield Wednesday 1, Queens Park Rangers 3

#### Barker gives Rangers something to bite on

AND SO, at the precise mo-ment Rangers stood condemned by their own ineptitude, a light flickers into life at the end of the tunnel. Even if a deserved victory,

which halted a sequence of seven straight League defeats, should prove nothing more than a diversion, hope has been partially renewed. Rangers' manager Ray Wil-

kins, while content to discuss the damaging implications of his club's impending cost-cut-ting exercise, was not foolish enough to indulge in mean-ingless boasts. That was left to Simon Barker who, despite two goals on Saturday and eight years of diligent service | too, albeit fleetingly, was Sin-

"They aren't going to offer me a new contract so all I can leave the club in the Premier-

smart for the Yorkshiremen who are now deceiving where. once they flattered. Although capitulation seemed highly probably after Graham Hyde had prodded Wednesday in front, Rangers refused to yield for once. The emergence of this stubborn streak offers them the best chance of

ship," he said. "We have got the afternoon's abiding mem-to be looking to win eight of our last 11 matches." the afternoon's abiding mem-ory with a Wilkins-like gem of our last 11 matches." our last 11 matches." The game was dead but sub-Rangers were a mite too

survival.
With a point to prove,

in Shepherds Bush, is to be | clair, a player who may also start next season in different colours. Having pulled his side level with a thumping header from Quashie's cross from the left, Barker provided

> stitute Gregory Goodridge was permitted the last word in fact, a raucous belly laugh — with a third goal direct from a corner.

Sheffield Wednesdey: Pressman, Atherion, Nicol, Walker, Nolan, Degryss, Hyde (Bright 78), Stefanovio, Waddle, Whitingham, Kovacavic.

#### **Burns seeks Hearts fire**

OMMY BURNS, the Celtic manager, could mount an-

other rescue operation by tak-ing the Hearts striker John Robertson to Parkhead rtson to Parkhead. Burns has already proved a powerful restorative for players such as Tosh McKinlay and John Hughes, signed for moderate fees from Hearts and Falkirk respectively, and

now making valuable contri-butions to a team challenging for league and Cup. Robertson, 31, would proba bly cost Burns less than 2500,000. The former Scotland player is out of favour at Hearts and was a substitute in their Scottish Cup tie at

Kilmarnock on Saturday. Celtic had no need of Celtic had no need of "There were people in the Robertson to see off Raith club who had written him off Rovers in the fourth round of and didn't want him back." the Cup, but the striker's present club looked better after he came on in the 70th minute at Kilmarnock Berry scored Hearts' winner 10 minutes later, their

een equalised by Anderson. Thom and Donnelly were the providers in a 2-0 victory at Celtic Park which took the holders into the quarter-finals. There they were joined by Aberdeen — 2-0 winners at Stirling Albion through Windass and Shearer - and Rangers, who had qualified for the last eight by beating

opener from Ritchie having

Clyde 4-1 two days earlier. Third Division Caledonian Thistle, who won 1-0 at Stenhousemuir, were given a Charlton, were thrown into home quarter final against further turmoil over the Ceitic are at home to Dun-

dee United, Hearts away to St. Johnstone, and Aberdeen home to the winners of the replay between Airdrie and Forfar, who drew 2-2 at the Huddersfield 2, Wimbledon 2

# seize moment

Commentary

David Lacey

not what it was. For Priestley's grey-green tide of cloth cans disgorging from moun-tainous terraces read an orderly stream of tail-lights flowing gently from a Welle-sian stadium which looks as if it might head back to Mars

Some things, however, do not change. Huddersfield won the FA Cup in 1922 and have spent the last 74 years suffering the false dawns and shattered dreams that are

Mutch's late penalty for Preston defeated them late in extra-time in the 1938 final, so a header in stoppage time from Ekoku denied the present team its bit of history. A replay at Wimbledon still gives Brian Horton's emerg-ing First Division side the opportunity of a place in the quarter-finals but Huddersield will surely never have a 2-0 with 25 minutes to go.

"It's a cruel game," said Horton, truthfully if unori-ginally. He consoled himself with the thought that, "If the players are down after fail-ing to beat a Premier League ing to beat a Premier League side, then we're certainly get-ting somewhere," and added

Certainly Wimbledon did not deserve to lose, and before half-time created enough chances to deprive the opposition of even half a hope. They also bit the crossbar twice in the space of six minutes, Leonhardsen with a 30 yard shot, Harford with a

However, the FA Cup is not about fairness, logic or the better team winning. It is about seizing the moment and riding your luck when and the horse is starting to

utation on staying in the Cup against rising odds. Their gutsy performances against Leeds United in 1975 set the tone for their remarkable progress through eagues, topped off by the Cup in 1988, and it was this lingering spirit of indefatiga-bility which saved them at

Joe Kinnear's team are having a difficult season in the Premiership and may yet

find themselves back at Hud-dersfield in the Endsleigh League the next time round. But not if they continue to respond to adversity with a eadiness to attack on a

tie was less than distinguished. Priestley would have found art only in the singular outlines of concrete and steel which have been woven into the Yorkshire landscape, while the conflict was often a matter of blunt swords and dud shells. Neither team defended

with much competence. Hudgoalkeeper, made up with blind courage for what he lacked in judgment, it was precisely this blindness which led to Wimbledon's

it will be because of the sort of errors in defence Huddersfield punished with alacrity. The first, after seven minkick from Makel and turn away from Perry before scoring with an unexceptional shot which still slipped underneath Sullivan. The second, three minutes after half-time, found Cowan un-Reid's corner.

Throughout the match the principal difference between the sides lay in the quality of Harford, still one of the best ship, in a withdrawn position on the right Huddersfield's in the opening half-hour.
As it was the 64th-minute

with Clarke immediately threw Wimbledon a lifeline when Ekoku headed in the latter's cross in the 65th. A second header from Ekoku, fter Francis had flailed wildly and vainly at Kimble's corner, brought Huddersfield

Before then Horton's play ers have home league games Palace which will have a strong bearing on their To be brutally frank, how-ever, Hudderstield's stadium would add more distinction to the Premiership next seawhich is good at this level

**Premiership:** Chelsea 1, West Ham 2

#### Hammers hail the slimmer. fitter, aggro-free Dicks

T always comes as a surprise to interview Julian Dicks, whose Bristol burn Garnett barnet. Surely real men drop their aitches. But there has always been more to Dicks than meets the

ear and this season it is not only his vowels which have been clipped. He has now gone nine games without a yellow card and even the tab-loids have stopped referring to him in Psycho-babble.

Harry Redknapp claims part of the credit by imploring Dicks not to get himself booked before the start of every game and the player has responded by curbing his militant tendenci on Saturday he was merci-

lessly booed — as he is at most away grounds — and yet he kept perfect composure even when clattered by Gullit. said Redknapp, who sold him to and then bought him from Liverpool. "He had a bad knee injury and the specialist said it could go any time, but he never misses a day's train-he never misses a day's train-West Hams Dets (62). Williamson (72). ing and is always first one out there. He's a changed boy, a lot filter, slimmer and no Glack Was, Forton, Newton (Sinciair, St. Lee, Patracci, Phetan, Duberty.

slotted in alongside Rieper and Bilic in a revamped cen-tral defence, pinged the ball around with drop-dead accuracy and then pressed forward to score West Ham's equaliser, outjumping two depast Hitchcock

That goal — and William-son's winner which also came via a cross — said much about Chelsea's problems. Their middle continues to be the defence never recovered from Newton breaking a leg. In attack there were no ex-cuses. Wise and Peacock both

broke free but failed to beat Miklosko and Furlong produced an extraordinary solo one-two in which he fell over and hoofed the ball 20 yards too high. What must Gullit think of such nonsense?
The Dutchman remains the

one constant in Chelsea's untains the excellence which his team-mates seem to reserve learn to do it every week." said Glenn Hoddle, obviously wondering how the mood will take them against Grimsby on Wednesday. They must be maddening to manage.

aggro."

He is also immensely versatile. Against Chelsea. Dicks

#### Ireland gripped by new crisis

THE Republic of Ireland, following Charlton's forced resignation.

The details of Mick McCar The FAI's president Louis thy's succession to Jack Ireland's chief executive, resigned, writes Cynthia Bateman. Connolly. 47, who had been with the FAI for five years, is the latest casualty in

The FAI's president Louis Kilcoyne and his executive of ficers are already at logger heads with McCarthy over weekend as Sean Connolly, their refusal to allow him to the Football Association of name Ian Evans, his former assistant at Millwall, as his No. 2 and have yet to name a manager for the Under-21s to replace Maurice Setters, who a shake-up at Merrion Square | compensation claim.

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Chess

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unemotional but IBM's Deep Blue was giving a

pretty good imitation of being psyched out after Garry Ka-sparov scored crushing vic-tories in the final two games

of their £300,000 match in

Philadelphia. The 32-year-old world champion won the

series 4-2, with three wins and two draws to offset the machine's historic victory in

pame one.

Deep Blue went into its tailspin after Kasparov offered a
draw at move 23 in their fifth
game. The machine was not
programmed to respond and
offer its operator declined the

after its operator declined the proposal "in the interests of science", it made a series of weak moves and was soon a

bishop down. The final game was Kaspar

ov's best and Deep Blue's worst, it violated an old chess

worst. It violated an old chess maxim 'knight on the rim, future dim' and Kasparov gained a strategic strangle-hold where the computer's army was holed up in a cor-ner of the board. The IBM

programmers resigned when the Russian was poised either for an early checkmate attack or for a decisive queen

exchange. Later Kasparov admitted:

"I did not expect the match would be so tough. I was lucky to lose game one, other-

wise disaster could have struck later. I was playing an artificial intellect that makes

billions of calculations to find what I do, just by feeling right

or wrong."
The match. arranged as part of the celebrations of 50

years of computers, was the first contest between brain

cells and silicon chips at clas-

'Blue'

# Villa pass through in third gear

Martin Thorpe

T THE start of the eason it would have been surprising if Aston Villa were to Aston Villa were to reach Wembley. Now it would be a surprise if they do not.
On Saturday night theirs was the only name in the sixth-round draw of the Cup after a dizzying four days in which they also put themselves in pole position to win Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final following that first-leg draw at Arsenal.

The measure of a good side

The measure of a good side is not just being able to defeat your peers, but your subordinates too. Although Ipswich seemed to offer the classic Cup banana-skin, Villa

stepped over it imperiously.
So thorough was Villa's canter it reinforced the growing view that here is a side on the verge of becoming the best to wear the claret and blue since Ron Saunders' colourful title winners of 1981.

Ipswich were runnersup that season. Now, while George Burley toils to lift his side into the First Division play-offs, Brian Little has produced a team which is probably just a second goalscorer short of launching a credible title challenge.

On paper Ipswich were no pushovers. They had only lost one of their previous 14 games, are the First Division's leading goalscorers and they defeated Blackburn at Ewood Park in the third proud. But paper and the round. But paper and the Portman Road mud-flats are two different surfaces. Villa started positively, scored

ing third gear, cruised to

All credit to Ipswich for opting to try and trade passes. Villa were simply better at it.

Draper again demonstrated the class which must put him close to an England cap. Wright roved down the left with his usual menace, the three-man defence did not victory.
All credit to Ipswich for optthree-man defence did not miss McGrath and Yorke continued his goalscoring spree. It was all but over after 19

minutes. First Draper's 35-yard shot whistled past the Ipswich keeper Wright then 10 minutes later Yorke headed in from close range. The home side did not lie down. Bosnich had to push over a shot from Milton and another from Scowcroft before Mason blasted just wide. But Villa never lost their grip. Milosevic wasted two chances before Taylor made it three with a glancing header, and though Mason scored a consolation goal six minutes

from time Milosevic had by then managed to carve out and waste two more sparkling opportunities.
With a thigh injury ruling Tommy Johnson out for Wednesday Milosevic needs

to improve his finishing, and quickly. For if Villa's season should falter for want of goals, the big striker might be holding more than his head in his hands if the Holte End ever get hold of him.

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Iganololu R Wright, Stockwell (Uhlenbeek,
78). Sadgley, Mowbrey, Thomsen, Taricco,
Millon, Williams, Mason, Scowcrott.
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Southgete, Sasnicon, A Wright, Draper (McGrath, 78). Townsend, Johnson (Taylor, 13), Millosevic, Yorks.
Reference S Lodge (Barneley).

Spurs look to Cup veterans

DAVID Howells could return to bolster Totten-ham hopes in tonight's FA Cup fifth-round game at Nottingham Forest. The 28-year-old midfielder

- one of only two survivors from the Spurs team that best
Forest to lift the Cup in 1991
— has missed the last 11 with Roy on the bench.

games with a knee injury. The other member of the Cup-winning side is Gary Mabbutt, who came through a reserve outing against Mill-wall in midweek. He may also return in place of Dozzell. Forest are likely to retain Silensi and Campbell up front

Skiing

### World beaten by a Street

John Samuel in Sierra Nevada sees the American woman reign in Spain

in the United States. Maybe from today they will think again after Picabo Street streaked down the Veleta course in the Spanish mountains yesterday, her speed touching 30mph, to win the women's downhill in the world championships here.

hips here. Outrageously Street, who completed the course in 1 min 54.06sec, then an-nounced "I am the new [Alberto] Tomba", and she meant every word of it. Tomba won 11 slalom and giant slalomslast year to win the World Cup overall. Street, 24, last year tri-umphed in six of nine

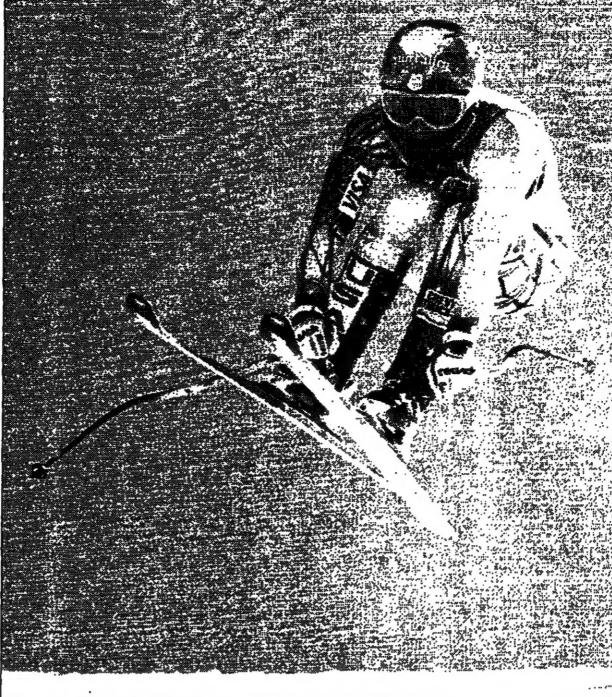
downhills, five running, to become the first American to win the World Cup. Here she took a chance with the tightest of lines at the top to work every bit of the gliders' course and carry her winning speed through to the finish. Katja Seizinger of Ger-many, who beat Street into second place at the Lille-

hammer Olympics, finished second in 1.54.63. Seizinger has trained for all disciplines and in the 1995 World Cup finals fin-ished a narrow second to Vreni Schneider, now retired, in a cliffbanger.

Street, determinedly try-ing to be all things to all maidens, said the German's silver medal was a great result since it was not her

sort of course. Tomba flies in today complete with his entourage in readiness for the giant slalom on Friday and Sun-day's slalom, the conclud-ing event. The triple gold and double silver medallist of three Olympics is almost certain to retire after the Sestriere world championships next season.
Now Street, who claims

she is able to express her emotion and joy of sking in Ortlieb's in the men's match with Tomba's way, is hoping to be an ambassador for the was a surprise. Hilary preparation.



Street's ahead . . . Picabo Street on her way to securing the women's downhill gold yesterday

hidden personalities in fe-male skiing which have yet to blossom. I'd like to make that happen, too," she said. These were bold words. Ski racing without a doubt has discovered a racer embodying as many clichés about Americans as the

rest of the world has about Tomba's fellow Italians. Hers was a victory, as Ortlieb's in the men's match with the Spaniards downhill on Saturday, that over the course and its

sport. "I know there are | Lindh of the US was 64 hundredths away in third while the 1993 champion Kate Pace of Canada was fourth, another hundredth away. Megan Gerety of the US came fifth.

The Austrians, who with the Swiss left the women's event with nothing, had celebrated the giant Ortlieb's success at the Austria House on Saturday but still had energy for a slanging match with the Spaniards

Street was not brought up | to be conventional. Her parents might be described as travellers, even hippies, never afraid to trot the children round bandit-ridden countryside. Stubby and Dee Street, her parents, needed to christen their three-year old for a trip to Mexico, and Stubby liked

the name Picabo, which means "Shining Light" in the tongue of the native American tribe who lived in that part of Idaho.

off the team six years ago -"for being a dirtbag," she freely concedes - it was Stubby, who was then working as a bricklayer in Hawaii, who set her 300 press-ups a day to get her back both mentally and

physically.
Critics bave worried about skiing going to the wall over the past few sea-sons. Ironically Stubby's wall could be the saving of it, especially if his daughter lives up to her new self-

sical slow chess, following a series of computer successes in speed matches. Kasparov compared his final victory to 1985 when he won the world title from Anatoly Karpov, and offered IBM a rematch. However, he gave Deep Blue's overall performance a mixed review. "It can play great chess, but also on a very low level," he said.

Fifth games.

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Athletics

#### \* Christie off the record

Duncan Mackay

INFORD CHRISTIE'S win-ter of discontent contin-ued in Lievin yesterday. With Donovan Bailey and now in-jured and out of racing, he was deprived of his 200 metres world indoor record when Frankie Fredericks broke it in the same French stadium where Christie had

set it last year. In a performance that will send shock waves from west London to Texas, where the world champion Michael Johnson is based, Fredericks did not just shave the record; his time of 19.92sec smashed

it by 0.33sec. Christie had set the record after receiving tips from Fredericks who was paid back with interest this year. "I'm very happy to set this world record," said Fredericks, who received a \$25,000 (£16,000) bonus. "The only disappointment was that Linford wasn't able to be here."

The 28-year-old Namibian's preparation had indicated he was capable of breaking the record. Six days ago in Finland he had set a world best of 10.05sec for the rarely-run indoor 100 metres. John Regis was disqualified yesterday for the second successive year.

Burundi's Venuste Nyiongabo and Mozambique's Maria Mutula both narrowly failed to join Fredericks in setting world records. They had to settle for the second fastest times run in their respective events. Nyiongabo ran 4min 24.77sec in the 2,000m, missing Eamonn Coghlan's mark by 0.69sec, while Mutula clocked Imin 57.14sec for 800m, just 0.5sec short of Christine Watchel's

record set in 1988. The British triple jumper Ashia Hansen had victory snatched away in the last round when Bulgaria's Iva Prandjeva leapt 14.82m, the best in the world this year.

#### Weekend results

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New Jersey 82, New York 17; LA Clippers
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LA Lakers 119, Delias 114; Boston 130,
Sacramento 102,
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Hermel 72, Chester 73, Sheffield 81, Doncaster 66, London 68; Leopards 94,
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(Preston). Simples: Second round: N.
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HOCKEY

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Shellield 8, Milton Keynes 1; Slough 3,
Newcastle 5, First divisions Bitlingham 4,
Medway 7, Bracknell 10, Pauler 4,
Chelmstord 7, Murrayfield 4; Dumfires 4,
Peterborough 4; Quidford 14, Solihuli 3,
Serndon 3, Manchester 7; Tellord 7, Blackburn 5.

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**Fixtures** 

Soccer

FA CUP: Fifth round: Notice Forest v Tot FA CUP: Fifth count: Notin Forest v Yol-tonhum (8.0):
GM VALUMALL GONFERMINGE: Steven-age v Dover (7.45).
ICSS LEAGUE: Premier Divisione Pur-licet v Worthing (7.45).
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deat's Cupe Second remail; Guireley v
Bacton.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premiar
Divisions Chemstord v Newport AFC
PONTHES LEAGUE First Divisione Everton v Stoke (7.0), Unerpool v Stoft Wed
(7.0); Shoft Und v Man Utd (7.0), Birmingham C v Bolton (7.0); Wolvoritampton v
Nets Co. Second Divisione: Leicaster v
Hull (7.0); Middleshreigh v Aston Villa
(7.0),
AVON IMSURANCE COMMINATION:
First Divisione Brisial Nets v Wattord; TolIsofiam v Swindon.
SPRING HEATH PRINT CAPITAL
LEAGUE Southerd Und v Brendord (7.45),
Welling v Peterborough

First Day 1

Rugby Union

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Edinburgh U-19 v North/Midlands U-19 (7.0, Currie). CLUB MATCHES Mountain Ach v Mar Plate (Arg) (7.0).
WRO Michrael COMPETITION: Pool Dr Yskradgyniais - Mossing (7.0).

# Sports Guardian

#### SOCCER: FACUP

Fifth round: Manchester United 2, Manchester City 1

# Penalty leaves Ball seething

them to beat Manchester City with the aid of a barshly judged penalty, and then gave them with a highly winnable Southampton or Swindon. Should United go on to win

the Cup twice in three sea-sons, and a record ninth time in all, the sky blue half of Manchester will no doubt be hoping that their celebratory toasts are coupled with the name of Alan Wilkie. City supporters will always argue eree turned this tie with the penalty decision that enabled United to draw level shortly before half-time after they had fallen behind to an early

That would be putting it too simply, for United were beginning to get a grip on the play before that moment and would in all probability have dominated the second half in the way they did even if the penalty had not happened. Butt was outstanding in mid-field, and the growing influ-ence on the flanks of Sharpe and Phillip Neville ultimately

There can, however, be lit-tle doubt that luck smiled on United at a crucial moment. In the 38th minute, following a corner on the left from cleared off the line by a com-bination of Immel and Brown. Another corner followed, and

then the penalty. This time Giggs swung the ball across too hard and high anyone in the goalmouth to reach it. Frontzeck and matter of routine but made only brief contact with one another. In the next instant, however. Wilkie was pointing Trafford could not believe its good fortune, and Cantons sent Immel the wrong way with his kick.

"Eric said he was pulled round the neck," said Alex Ferguson, the United manager. "It's always a risk if you pull players around the neck." In fact Wilkie gave this as the reason for his decison. Naturally, being Alan Ball, the losing manager was rather more loquacious on the subject. "Would he have given it at the other end?" he asked. "No?" Exactly.

"There's always a bit of pushing around and jostling | ladge turned with the ball and at corners. That decision in the same movement



and two City players, with LEX FERGUSON WAS half the yellow cards being flourished after an early-argylast night peering opti-mistically towards the fourth FA Cup final of his Old Trafford career as Manches-ter United bypassed other Premiership heavyweights in at Crystal Palace preceded the Frenchman's kung-fu activi-

the sixth-round draw. ties. Cantona may now have a A home quarter-final with Southampton, destroyed 4-1 in quickfire fashion at Old Trafford in November, or SCOMERS: Illenschenter United Cardons per (Strin), Sharpe (77), Manechester (11). Henchester United: Schmelchel, Irwin, Bruce, Palister, P. Neville; Sharpe, Brit. Keene, Giggs: Cantona, Cole. Illanolouster Citya Immet, Surmerbee, Symona, Curte, Frontzeck, Loman, Clough. Brown; Kinkfadze; Rösler, Cetan (Crammer, Brit.). Steve McMahon's Second Divislon leaders Swindon saw United, winners in 1990 and 1994 before falling at Wem-bley last year, immediately take over as the bookmakers'

FA CUP SIXTH ROUND DRAW Leeds United or Port Vale v Liverpool or Charlton Nottingham Forest or Tottenham v Aston Villa Manchester United v Swindon or Southampton Grimsby or Chelsea v Huddersfield or Wimbledon (Matches to be played on March 9, 10, 11)

Liverpool could enter a classic porthern confronts tion with Leeds at Elland Road encouraged by their 5-0 Anfield battering of Howard But first these Premiership rivals must host victories over First Division

opposition.

from yet another away draw is the prospect of extending

 provided Spurs first over come Nottingham Forest. Stamford Bridge will host a London derby if Chelsea see off Grimsby and Wimbledon finish the dramatic business with Huddersfield

listch report, page 12

# Irish prop banned for stamp

of Ireland's prop Peter following his ban yesterday for stamping on the head of France's lock Olivier Roumat during Saturday's catastrophic 45-10 defeat in Paris. strophic 45–10 defeat in Paris.
Clohessy's second international suspension is for 26
playing weeks. He will miss
not only Ireland's final two
games of the current Five
Nations Championship but
the remainder of the international year.
Five minutes into the

Five minutes into the second half at the Parc des Princes, Clohessy stamped on Roumat's bead as the Frenchman lay on the ground. Although missed by the referee Ed Morrison and the two touch-judges, it was clearly visible on French television's reverse angle camera, and it was only after the match supervisor Alan Hosie of Scotland had viewed the

video evidence that a decision was reached.
Clohessy, suspended for 10 weeks for foul play in 1993, also kicked the France hooker Jean-Michel Gonzalez from behind. In both cases the behind. In both cases the French forwards had to leave

As Irish tempers frayed, the France prop Christian Cali-Sano was also felled by a kick in the face from what appeared to be Gabriel peared to be Gabriel Fulcher's left boot. Califano was forced to leave the field with broken teeth, a split

who denies the incidents vere intentional, became Limerick's most-capped player when he played his 15th international against Wembley beckons Ferguson Scotland last month

But the Young Munster outside Limerick. In 1990 he was penalised when playing funster against Ulster for making what the referee later said were "remarks of a sectarian nature", believed to have been derogatory com-ments about Willie Anderson's religious and political leanings

Two years later he was at the centre of a major controversy when he was called "a isgrace" by the then Australia coach Bob Dwyer after Munster defeated the Walla-

# **England eye Watkinson**

Mike Selvey in Peshawar on how an injury to Craig White overshadowed England's first victory in cricket's World Cup

summon Lanca-shire's Mike Watkin-son as a World Cup ement for Craig White, who suffered a side strain in yesterday's eight-wicket win over the United Arab Emirates in Peshawar and will miss the rest of the Ray Illingworth was last

night granted permission by the organisers to call up a member of the 18-man squad which contested the recent one-day series in South Africa. "We haven't made any decisions yet." said Illing-

Many believe that Dermot who was also discarded after the South Africa series, would be a more logi cal choice. However, the Warbeen top of Michael Atherton's Christmas card list and

NGLAND look set to | following his bit part in South | would help retrieve credibil-summon Lanca- Africa did him few favours. | ity and confidence, Although England should prepare for more of the same if he is enough, the opposition were

taken the lead. The home

curate enough. United were

unable to get to grips with

City's close-passing game and

vhenever Kinkladze gained

possession generous avenues

of space opened up in the ap-

During this period Bruce and Pallister looked vulnera-

ble in United's defence. Keane

and Butt moreover were

being upstaged in midfield by

Lomas and Brown while Clough's little passes kept

After 11 minutes City went

ahead with goal cleverly con-

ceived and executed. Kink-

City's rhythm consistent.

White's absence is a blg blow. He was selected to fill a crucial role but bowled only nine deliveries yesterday be-fore leaving the field with intercostal damage to the ribs on his left side — a repeat of the injury that cut short his Ashes tour last winter. "It's the same old story," he

said. "I was just starting to play well and get some confi-dence. Most fast bowlers have had this sort of injury but in the limelight." The injury is expected to take at least four weeks to heal and he will | cursory resistance to the return home shortly.

After the poor showing in the first match against New Smith. His off-spin brought Zealand. England needed to him three wickets for no runs win yesterday with the sort of and three for 29 in all. newspaper outburst spirited performance that

eight wickets is emphatic

released it low through a square United desence, Rösler

bore down on the advancing Schmeichel and then chipped

him from just inside the pen-

managed to get a hand to the ball, but could not keep it out.

half Ferguson switched his

wings, a crucial move for

Sharpe and Giges made better headway on opposite flanks. City were still worrying

United with the accuracy of

their passing but were

steadily ceding territory and

possession before the penalty.

The second half saw much less of Kinkladze and practi-

cally nothing of Clough.

United, moreover, played

with the patience of a team

would eventually be theirs.

Midway through the first

aity area, The

ing given a public holiday and the large Pakistani representation in the Emirates team — were given bland, un-inspiring fare. Although the ICC Trophy, they were neve

merely of club standard and it lacked real conviction.

a slow pitch and tight bowling dismissed them for 136. Only Mazhar Hussain, who made 33 with panache and extravagant use of the bottom hand, and Samarasekera, last out for 29, offered more than early accuracy of Phil DeFret-On the debit side England's

The Republicans are stuck with a field of candidates

They are locked in a vicious civil war, in a campaign

marked by the most negative advertising in memory.

who range from the drab to the weird to the terrifying.

fielding requires more than mere fine tuning and two difficult chances spilled yester-day took their total to six

Pallister found Giggs on the left and he released Neville for the low centre that Sharpe

was a great goal that beat us

Wilkie booked four United

bargy. He was the referee whose dismissal of Cantona

softer spot for Chester-le-

Street than he did.

More competent sides would have approached the target at a gallop. But Eng-land are a shaky outfit at present and lacked the ser-vices of Graeme Hick and Robin Smith, who possess the power game to have shredded

An opening stand of 52 be-tween Neil Smith and Alec Stewart provided good groundwork but the vice-cap-tain lazily clipped a simple catch to short midwicket and Smith, deemed Man of the Match on his World Cup debut, regurgitated a pizza on to the field and retired ill.

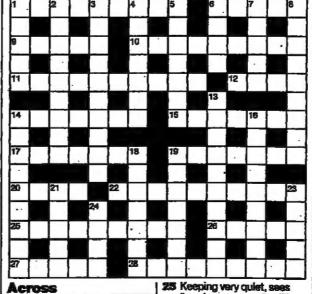
lend solidity and split the left-handers Graham Thorpe and Neil Fairbrother, confirmed his own lack of form with 20 runs scratched from 40 deliveries before he drove round an innocuous off-spinner. It was left to Thorpe, who hit an unbeaten 44 and Fair-

otal (for 2, 55 overs).

profiber (12 not out) to see England home. Neither Paki-stan nor South Africa, both of will be quaking.

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#### Guardian Crossword No 20,579 Set by Crispa



Across

6 Quarrel - but not very much (5)

10 Note a point to consider and he'll find an answer (9)

11 Control said to be restored 12 Nothing like (4)

14 Little beest given rum task 15 Agoddess following a trial

rith a will (7) 17 Protest when dun

told to go (7) 19 Liberal arrange saist the blind (7)

20 Duplicated in this way the regults not at all good (2-2)

22 Joke if left among the

tions in proper setting (9)

25 The deep love shown by church article (5) 27 In debate men do better (5) 9 Aristocrats put money into 28 Old Greek fighter appearing in the right places (3)

> Down 1, Key role in a Shakespearear play, that's plain (5) 2 His image meant everything to him - such a bloomer! (9)

3 Living in comfort, yet terse as can be (4,6) 4 Hilbernating insects — about · a thousand altogether (7)

5 A feature for which there's high regard (7) 6 The best mounted notice (4) 7 Sound form of

ing cut to keep going (9)

8 French family-man accept-

13 Steps people can take to make getting up easier (10)

14 Danes seem vague, but put a good case (4,5) 16 it's not just some old book males and the non-males share (9)

18 Only a couple of pupils entering an examination is most incredible (7)

19 Club where dope may be injected into the cheese (7) 21 Piggish fellows taking no more than seconds over a drink (5)

23 American jerks? (5). 24 Vegetation enimals will turn

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